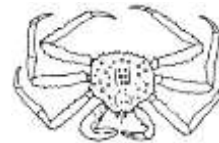

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COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT SOUTHERN AREA CLOSURE DATE

Petersburg . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Southern Area will close at 12:00 noon, **Monday, March 18, 2019**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest as of the closure date is expected to reach the 20,500-pound GHF for the Southern Area. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via harvest ticket/logbook and port sampling data for the remaining open areas: East Central, Mid-Chatham Strait, and Lower Chatham Strait. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary and the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Southern Area no later than 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 23, 2019.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1119.

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