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Bering Sea Tanner Crab Season Closed

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of 2019 NMFS trawl survey results for the Bering Sea District Tanner crab stock. Estimated mature male biomass in the eastern and western Bering Sea areas are below thresholds required for fishery openings. Therefore, the Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries east and west of 166° W long will be closed for the 2019/20 season.

Due to the closure of 2019/20 Bering Sea Tanner crab (*C. bairdi*) fisheries retention of Tanner crab (*C. bairdi*) during the Bering Sea snow crab (*C. opilio*) fishery is prohibited.

For questions regarding federal Crab Rationalization Program regulations, contact NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries Division at (907) 586-7228 or the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement in Kodiak at (907) 486-3298 or Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-2061. For questions regarding quota shares and IFQ/IPQ, contact NOAA Fisheries RAM Division at 1-800-304-4846 (option #2).

For information on the Tanner crab harvest strategy or fishery regulations contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239 or Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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