Advisory Announcement
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Eastern Aleutian District Tanner Crab 2020 Fishery Closed

Alaska Department of Fish and Game has completed analysis of trawl survey results for the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab stock. The 2019 trawl survey estimates of mature male Tanner crab abundance were compared to established regulatory thresholds for the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay, Makushin/Skan Bay, and Akutan Sections. A commercial Tanner crab fishery may occur when estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab meets or exceeds stock size thresholds established in regulation and provides for a guideline harvest level (GHL) of at least 35,000 pounds (5 AAC 35.509 Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy).

**Akutan Section:** The 2019 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Akutan Section will be closed for the 2020 season.

**Makushin/Skan Bay Section:** The 2019 survey-estimated mature male abundance was above the regulatory threshold. The calculated GHL for 2020, as prescribed by the harvest strategy, was below the minimum 35,000 pound GHL; therefore, the Makushin/Skan Bay Section will be closed for the 2020 season.

**Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section:** The 2019 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section will be closed for the 2020 season.

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