



Advisory Announcement
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2020/2021 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASONS

This announces the registration process, opening date, and registration deadline for the 2020/2021 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska.

Tanner and golden king crab permit holders throughout Southeast will be required to call their area office (numbers listed below) and make an appointment with department staff prior to registering for the 2020/2021 season. Due to safety measures put in place by State of Alaska Health Mandates, the department recommends permit holders bring a check or exact cash for payment of buoy tags, a pen to sign the vessel registration form, and to wear a face covering.

Permit holders are recommended to verify that their CFEC permit card and vessel license are valid for the 2021 season prior to making an appointment to register for the fishery. Questions about specific area office registration procedures or buoy tag sales should be directed to your local area office at the following phone numbers or emails listed below:

Petersburg: Main Office (907) 772-3801

Tessa Bergmann (907) 772-5236, tessa.bergmann@alaska.gov

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Due to the fluidity of the COVID-19 health crisis, it is recommended that permit holders begin the registration process earlier and allow for more time to complete registrations. Waiting to register until immediately prior to the fishery opening may result in delayed registration.

The 2020/2021 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at **12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2021**. The season start date for the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries is based on the date with the smallest Juneau tidal range between February 10 and February 17 [5 AAC 35.110(a) and 5 AAC 34.110(b)]. Permit holders are reminded that weather delay criteria for the Tanner and king crab fisheries have been adopted into regulation. Any delay to the start of the 2020/2021 Tanner and golden king crab fisheries due to weather will be announced 24 hours before the start of the fisheries [5 AAC 35.110(b) and 34.110(f)].

The registration deadline for both fisheries is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Permit holders who register after that date will be required to pay a \$45.00 late fee [Sec 16.05.065]. Buoy tags are mandatory for all commercial Tanner and golden king crab gear and are available by appointment at Alaska Department of Fish and Game area offices in Southeast Alaska for \$1.25 each.

Further information on the 2020/2021 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent news releases.

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this advisory announcement is EO 1C0121.

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
<i>AWT</i>	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220