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Prince William Sound Area Tanner Crab Commissioner's Permit Fishery Season Opening Delayed #1

The National Weather Service (NWS) 48-hour marine weather forecast for Area PKZ125 (Prince William Sound) issued at 4:00 a.m. February 28 contained a gale warning. Therefore, the Prince William Sound Commissioner's Permit Tanner crab fishery season opening will be delayed for 24 hours and will open March 2 at 12:01 a.m. If the 48-hour NWS marine weather forecast for Area PKZ125 issued at 4:00 a.m. March 1 also contains a gale warning, the fishery opening will again be delayed for 24 hours. If delayed, the 4:00 a.m. NWS marine weather forecast for PWS will be checked each subsequent day until no gale warning is issued for the upcoming 48-hour period, or until 12:01 a.m. March 4, when the season will open regardless of the forecast.

Any further action to delay the fishery will be announced in a subsequent ADF&G advisory announcement by 8:00 a.m. March 1. In addition, information will be updated on the call-in line: 907-226-2121.

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COVID-19

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/>.

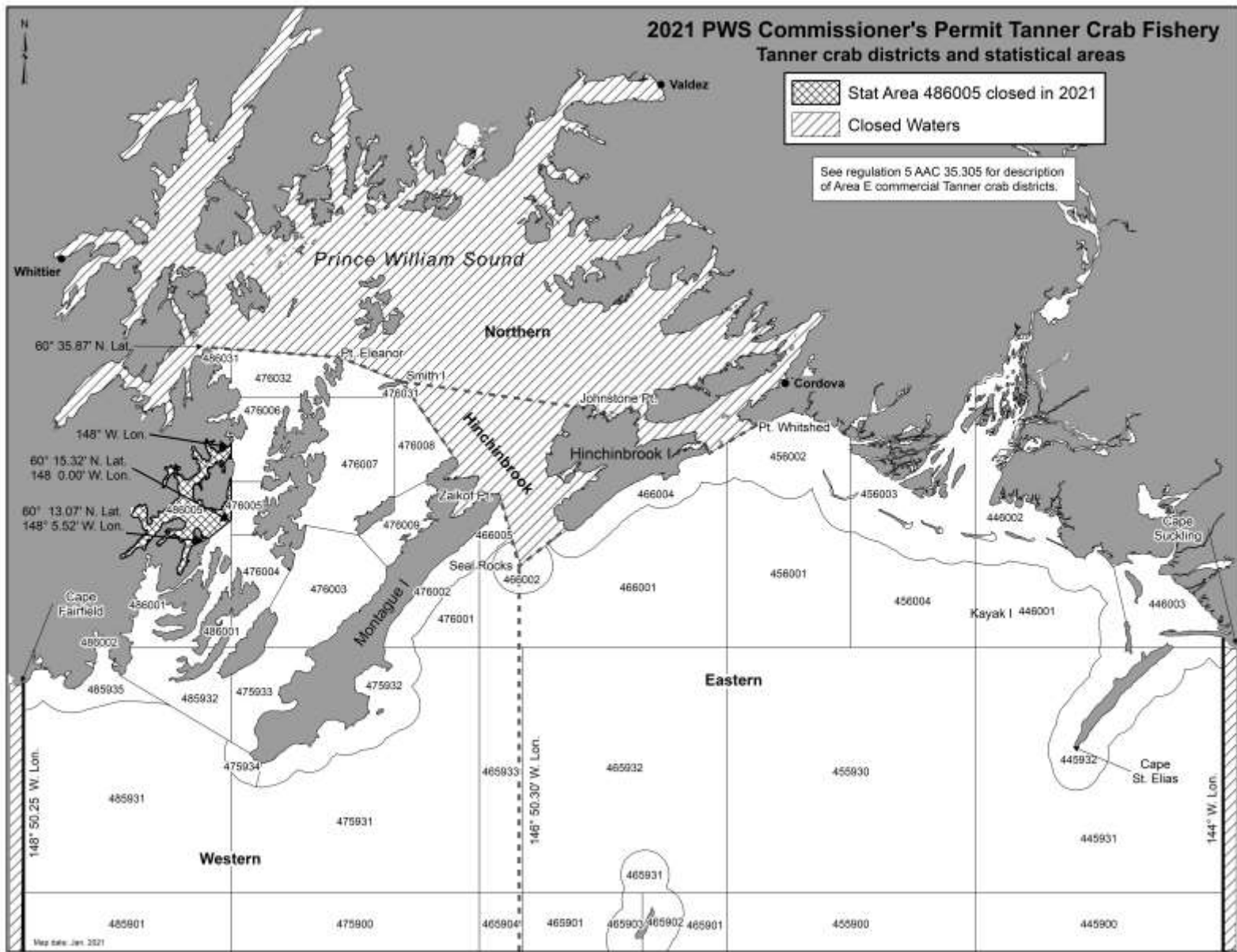


Figure 1.—Prince William Sound Area commercial Tanner crab districts; Commissioner’s Permit fishery open in Eastern and Western districts.