



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL/WINTER FISHERY

As previously announced for the 2021 commercial Dungeness crab fishery, the department estimated the full season harvest from landings and effort data from the first week of the summer season. This projection indicated that the total season’s harvest would exceed 2.25 million pounds as required by 5 AAC 32.146 for a full season length. According to 5 AAC 32.110, all waters open to commercial Dungeness crab fishing will open at **8:00 a.m.** on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Closed Waters:

Regulatory closed waters within Registration Area A are listed in 5 AAC 32.150. Permit holders are reminded that the Hollis Anchorage [5 AAC 32.150(11)] closed area was expanded at the January 2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting. Waters of Glacier Bay are closed by federal regulation to commercial Dungeness crab fishing. Fishermen may contact the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve at (907) 697-2230 for more information.

Fishermen are reminded the Annette Islands Reserve is a federally recognized Indian reservation in Alaska. The waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island, Ham Island, Hemlock Island, Spire Island, Walker Island, Lewis Island, and adjacent rocks and islets are designated within the fishing reserve. Fisheries within the reserve are managed by the Metlakatla Indian Community for authorized fisheries participants.

Metlakatla residents are reminded that waters beyond 3,000 feet of Annette Island, Ham Island, Hemlock Island, Spire Island, Walker Island, Lewis Island, and adjacent rocks and islets are managed by the State of Alaska. Proper licensing, permitting, and reporting are required.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

Advisory announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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