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Saint Matthew Island Section Blue King Crab Season Closed

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of 2021 NMFS trawl survey results for Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab. The stock is estimated below the federal minimum stock size threshold and consequently has been declared overfished. In addition, estimates for 2021 mature male abundance are below the state harvest strategy threshold for a fishery opening. Therefore, Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab will remain closed for the 2021/22 season.

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 further information contact ADF&G Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239, or ADF&G Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

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/>

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