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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASON CLOSURE**

The commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast) will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, consistent with 5 AAC 34.110(b).

For those areas that close at 11:59 p.m. on December 1, all golden king crab pots must be removed from the water except that pots may be stored on the grounds with all pot doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed for no more than seven days [5 AAC 34.127(1)]. Reporting of lost pots, or pots left in a closed area in fishing condition should be directed to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) offices in Juneau, Ketchikan, or Petersburg (contact numbers are listed below).

Gear storage extensions due to extreme weather or a major vessel breakdown may be obtained by contacting regional shellfish staff [5 AAC 34.052(b)] before 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Contact numbers for requesting gear storage extensions are as follows:

Adam Messmer: (907) 723-3342, (907) 465-4853

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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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<i>ADF&amp;G</i>	907-225-5195	907-772-3801		907-747-6688	907-465-4250	907-766-2830	907-784-3255
<i>AWT</i>	907-225-5111	907-772-3983	907-874-3215	907-747-3254	907-465-4000	907-766-2533	907-784-3255