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Advisory Announcement

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JUNEAU AREA (SECTION 11-A) WINTER PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY

The 2022/2023 Juneau Area (Section 11-A) winter personal use red and blue king crab season will open at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5, and close at 12:00 p.m., Sunday, January 8, 2023.



Personal use permits can be obtained **only** through the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) website: https://store.adfg.alaska.gov/, the QR code, or at the Douglas office and are currently unavailable in the ADF&G app.

Analysis of data from the 2022 Juneau portion of the annual red king crab survey indicated sufficient stock abundance to allow prosecution of the Juneau Area personal use red and blue king crab fishery. The winter fishery will proceed with the following daily bag and possession limits and restrictions:

- Daily bag and possession limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 1 legal male crab per household permit.
- Winter seasonal limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 1 legal male crab per household permit.
- King, Tanner, or Dungeness crab may only be taken using one pot or two ring nets per vessel or diving during this personal use fishery.
- Female, undersized, and unretained legal crab MUST be immediately released unharmed in the location where they were caught.
- A household permit is required to participate in the fishery and permits are available online.
- Harvest reports are required for the winter red and blue king crab fishery and can be reported online at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/ or returned to the Douglas Area office by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Residents are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid 2023 sport fishing license if 18 years of age or older prior to harvesting personal use king crab.

Current regulations on personal use red and blue king crab fishing can be found at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=PersonalUsebyAreaSoutheastkingcrab.regs

Information regarding the king crab personal use fishery outside the Juneau Area may be found in the September 15, 2022 Advisory Announcement (Update: Southeast Alaska Red and Blue King Crab Personal Use Fishery). For further questions please contact Adam Messmer (907-465-4853), Zane Chapman (907-465-4274) or email us at: dfg.dcf.juneau.management@alaska.gov.

The Juneau Area (Figure 1) includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north and west of a line from Point Arden at 58°09.55' N lat, 134°10.68' W long to Point Bishop at 58°12.32' N lat, 134°10.14' W long, and south of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41′ N lat, and east of a line from Little Island Light at 58°32.41′ N lat, 135°02.83′ W long, to Point Retreat Light at 58°24.69′ N lat, 134°57.31′ W long.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this advisory announcement is EO 1C0223.

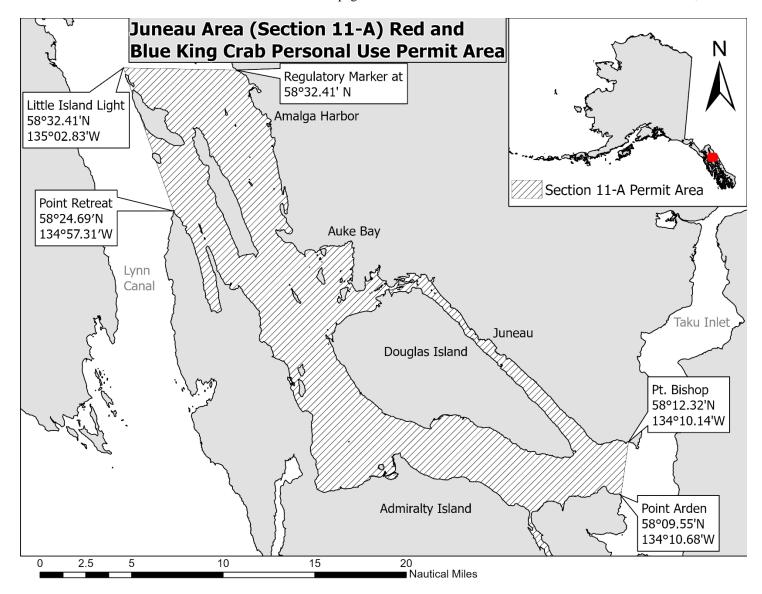


Figure 1: Map showing the Juneau (Section 11-A) permit area. This map is intended for general reference only. Please refer to regulatory text for legal descriptions of management area boundaries.

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