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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GOLDEN KING CRAB PERSONAL USE FISHERY

The personal use golden king crab (GKC) fishery in the Northern management area will reopen at 12:00 noon, **Sunday, February 12, 2023.**

The Northern management area [5 AAC 34.107(a)] will reopen for the remainder of the 2022/2023 season. Refer to Figure 1 for a map showing open waters for personal use GKC fishing effective at **12:00 noon, February 12, 2023.**

Alaska residents fishing for GKC must have an Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2022/2023 Southeast Alaska Regional Personal Use King Crab Permit [5 AAC 77.664(a)] in their possession.

The permit is free and available through the department's online store at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/. Personal use fishermen must sign their permit to make it valid and have the permit along with a 2023 sport fishing license in their possession while taking part in personal use king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska. Regional personal use king crab permits are valid for GKC in all open areas. Permits must be filled out each time king crab pots or ring nets are retrieved (or dive gear is used) whether king crab are harvested or not. Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online any time at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or by turning in the completed permit at the end of the season.

For additional information about the personal use golden king crab fishery, including season length, bag and possession limits, and permit requirements, please refer to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game advisory announcement dated June 1, 2022 (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/acfnewsrelease/1376404829.pdf>).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0523.

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

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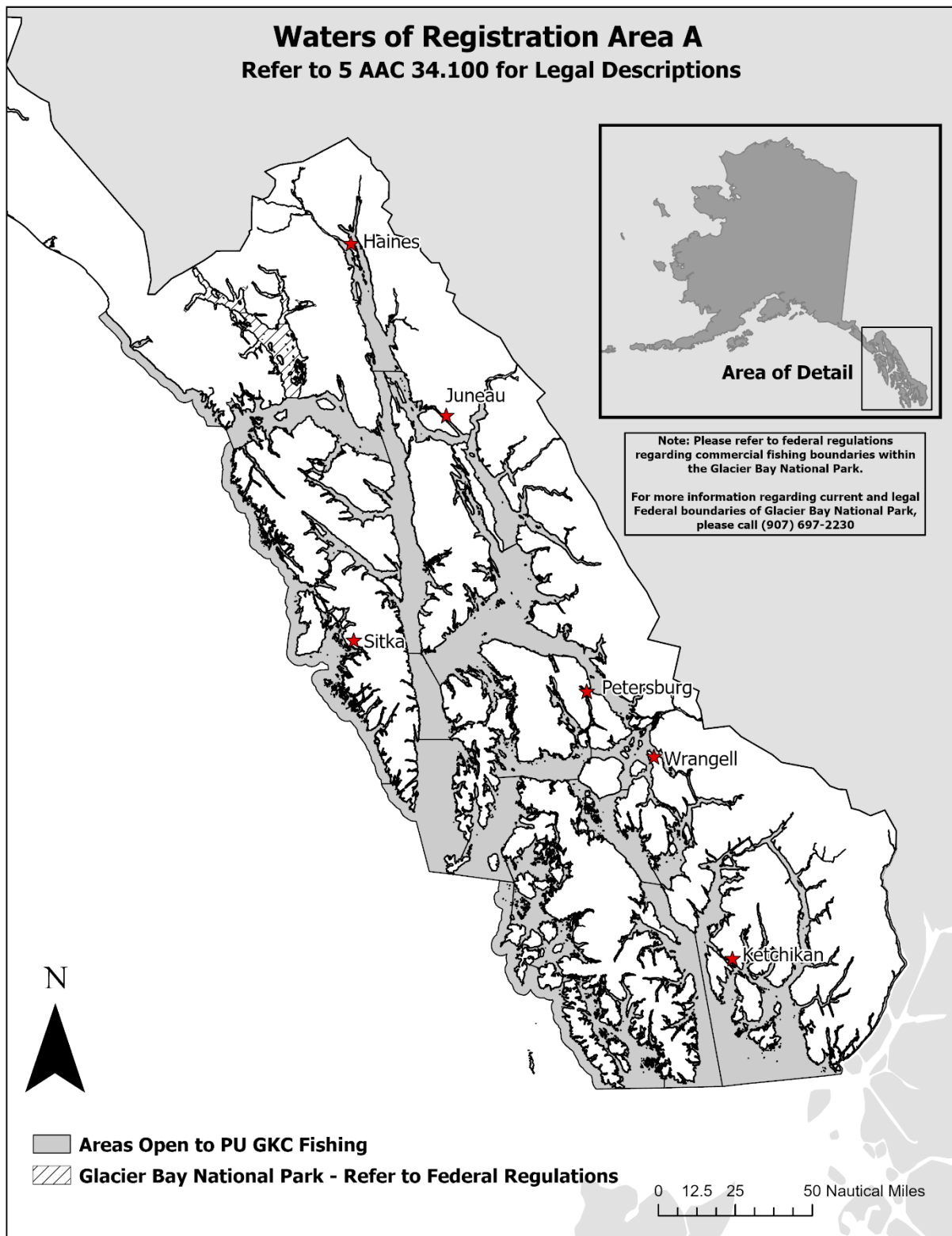


Figure 1. Effective at 12:00 noon, February 12, 2023, waters of Southeast Alaska open to the retention of personal use golden king crab. This map is for reference purposes only.