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

The 2023 red and blue king crab stock assessment survey results indicate a harvestable surplus to allow the prosecution of the Section 11-A (Juneau Area) personal use red and blue king crab fishery. The fishery will proceed with the following restrictions:

- The fishery will be open from 12:00 pm, Monday, August 14, through 12:00 pm, Monday, August 21.
- Daily bag and possession limit is 3 red or blue male king crab in combination per household permit.
- Summer seasonal limit is 3 red or blue male king crab in combination per household permit.
- Gear is restricted to 1 pot or 2 ring nets per vessel.
- During the opening, Dungeness and Tanner crab pot gear is also restricted to 1 pot or 2 ring nets per vessel.
 - A household permit is required to participate in the fishery and permits are available:
 - Online at <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/</u>,
 - Douglas Area Office at 802 3rd Street, and
 - Juneau Headquarters Office at 1255 W 8th Street.
- Harvest reports are required for the summer red and blue king crab fishery and can be reported online at <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/</u> or returned to the Douglas Area office by September 15, 2023.

Residents are reminded that they must be in possession of a valid resident sport-fishing license if 18 years or older prior to harvesting king crab.

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

Information regarding the red and blue king crab personal use fishery outside of the Juneau Area may be found in the "Southeast Alaska Red and Blue King Crab Personal Use Fishery" Advisory Announcement, dated June 1, 2023 (<u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/dcfnewsrelease/1476859803.pdf</u>). Information regarding the golden king crab personal use fishery may be found in the "Southeast Alaska Golden King Crab Personal Use Fishery" Advisory Announcement, also dated June 1, 2023 (<u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/dcfnewsrelease/1476711678.pdf</u>). For more information on the status of the red and blue king crab personal use fishery outside the Juneau Area or the golden king crab personal use fishery please contact Joe Stratman (907-772-5238), Adam Messmer (907-465-4853), or Zane Chapman (907-465-4274).

The Juneau Area (Figure 1) includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north and west of a line from Bishop Point at 58°12.32' N lat, 134°10.14' W long to Point Arden Light at 58°09.55' N lat, 134°10.68' 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 announcement is EO 1C2823.

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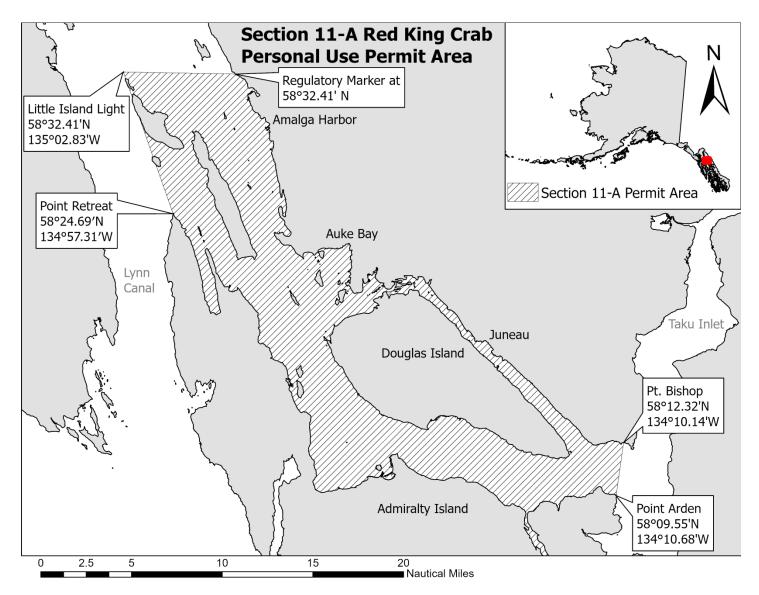


Figure 1. This map shows Section 11-A (Juneau area) personal use fishery and is for reference purposes only. Please refer to text in this advisory announcement for legal descriptions of management area boundaries and other details.

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