



Advisory Announcement

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

The 2024 Juneau Area (Section 11-A) winter personal use red and blue king crab season will be **open from 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 6, through 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 13, 2024.**



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

Analysis of data from the 2023 Juneau portion of the annual red and blue king crab stock assessment survey indicated sufficient stock abundance to open the Section 11-A 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 fishery is **1 legal male red or blue king crab per household permit.**
- Winter seasonal limit for the fishery is **1 legal male red or blue king 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 Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Residents are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid 2024 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/static/regulations/fishregulations/PDFs/southeast/2020se_sfregs_shellfish.pdf.

Information regarding the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A may be found in the September 15, 2023 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 at:
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Section 11-A (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 1C0224.

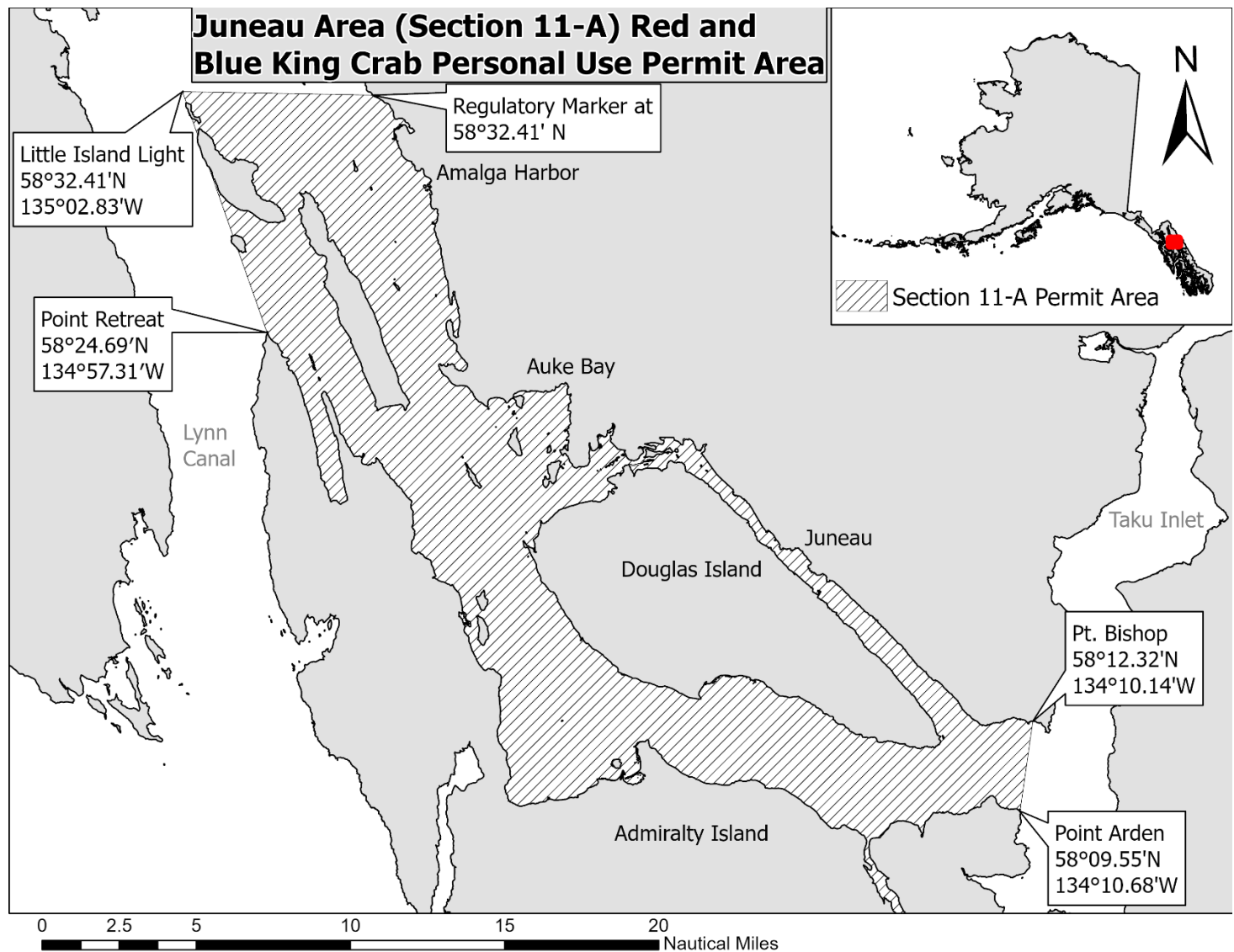


Figure 1: Juneau (Section 11-A) permit area open for red and blue king crab personal use fishing. This map is intended for general reference only. Please refer to regulatory text for legal descriptions of management area boundaries.

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