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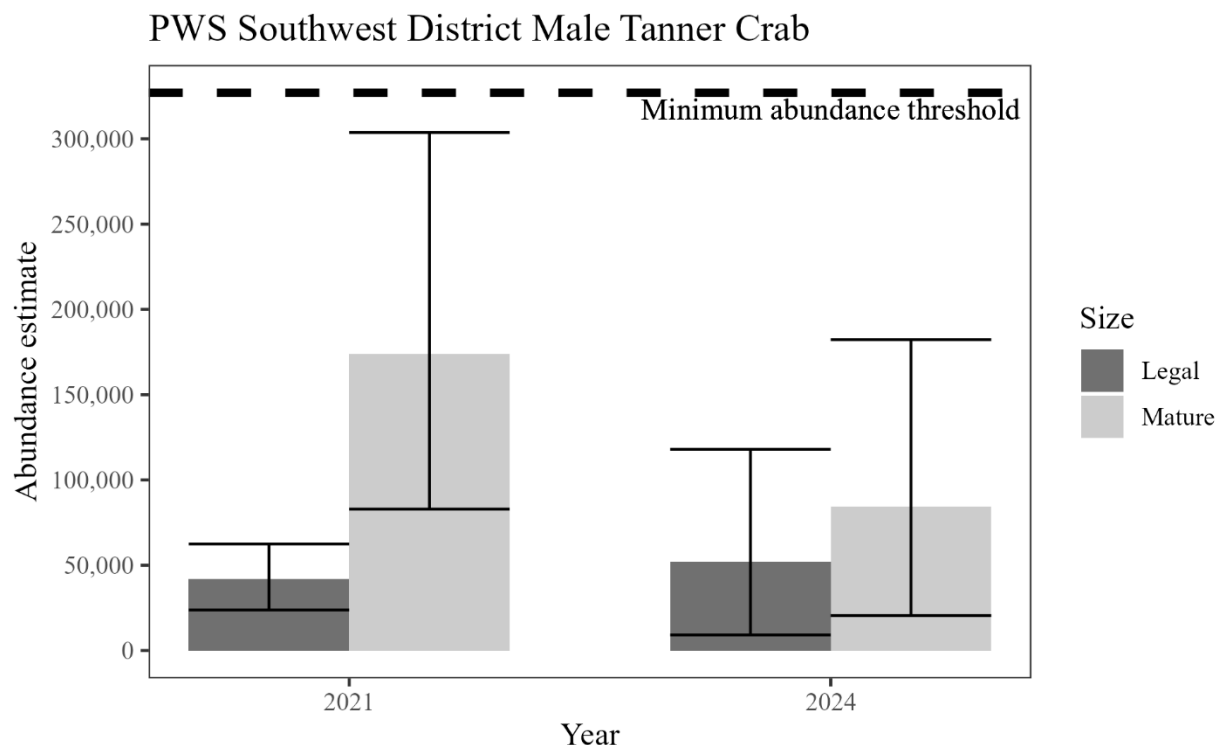
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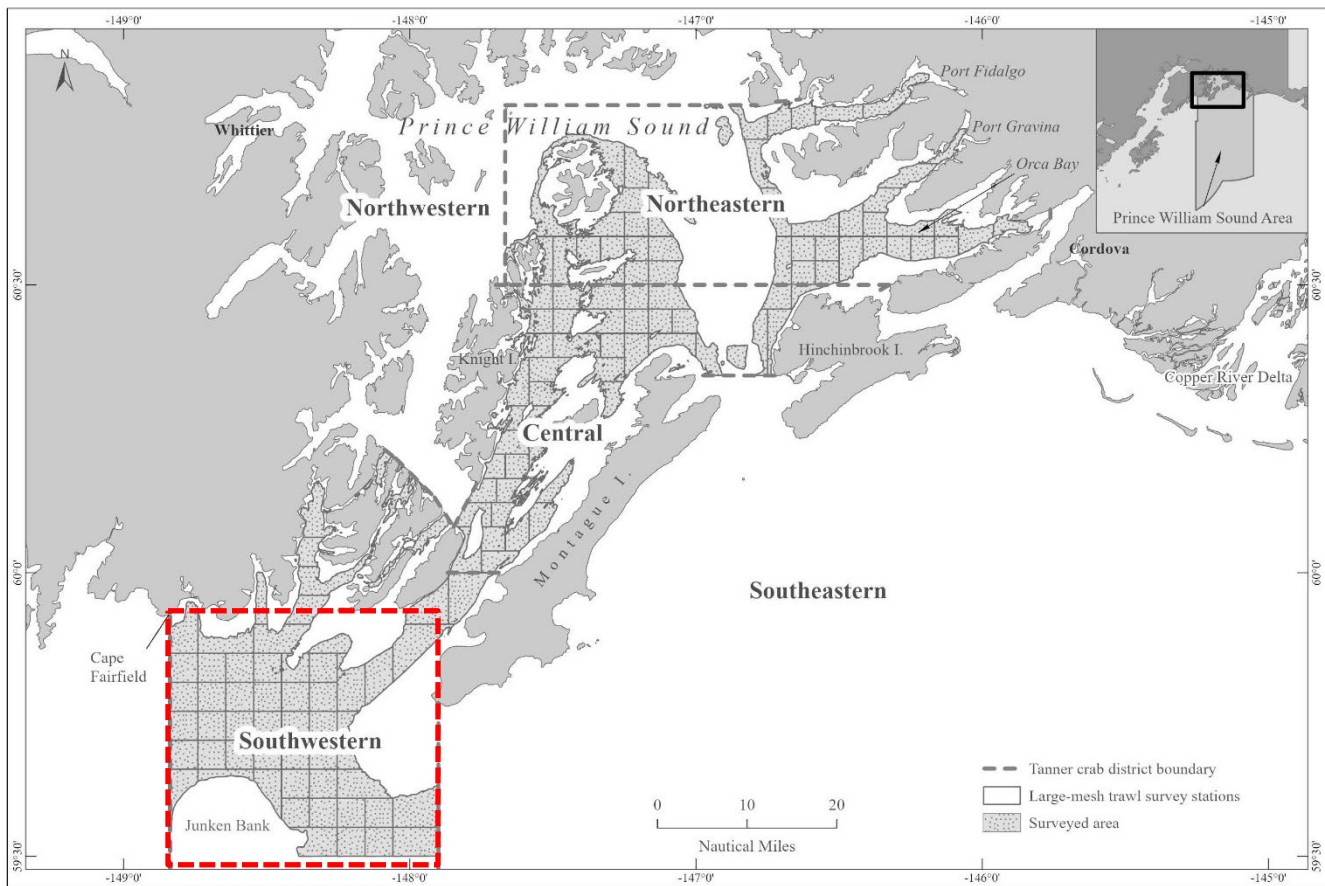
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Prince William Sound Area Tanner Crab Survey and Fishery Update

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game conducted its annual Tanner crab survey in the Southwestern District of Prince William Sound (PWS) in August 2024. The estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab (greater than 4.4 inches in carapace width) was 84,594 crab which is below the minimum threshold necessary to open the fishery in the Southwestern District of 327,000 mature male Tanner crab (See figure below). Subsequently, **the PWS Tanner crab fishery will not open in 2025 as specified in the *Registration Area E Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy* (5 AAC 35.308).** The next Tanner crab survey will take place in the Northeastern District in 2025.



Abundance estimates for Mature male Tanner crab in the PWS Southwestern district in 2021 and 2024.



PWS Tanner Crab Districts, Southwestern District, highlighted in red.