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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASON CLOSURE

The commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast) will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2024, consistent with 5 AAC 34.110(b).

All golden king crab pots must be removed from the water except that pots may be stored on the grounds with all pot doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed for no more than seven days [5 AAC 34.127(1)]. Reporting of lost pots, or pots left in a closed area in fishing condition should be directed to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) offices in Juneau, Ketchikan, or Petersburg (contact numbers are listed below).

Gear storage extensions due to extreme weather conditions or a major vessel breakdown [5 AAC 34.052(b)] may be obtained by contacting regional shellfish staff before 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Contact numbers for requesting gear storage extensions are as follows:

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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