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Eastern Aleutian District Tanner Crab 2027 Fishery Closed

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has completed analysis of trawl survey results for the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab stock. The 2026 trawl survey estimates of mature male Tanner crab abundance were compared to established regulatory thresholds for the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay, Makushin/Skan Bay, and Akutan Sections. A commercial Tanner crab fishery may occur when estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab meets or exceeds stock size thresholds established in regulation and requires a guideline harvest level (GHL) of at least 10,000 pounds in the Makushin/Skan Bay and Akutan Sections, and 15,000 pounds in the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section (5 AAC 35.509 *Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy*).

Akutan Section: The 2026 survey-estimated mature male abundance was above the regulatory threshold, but the computed legal male GHL was below the 10,000-pound minimum GHL regulatory threshold; therefore, the Akutan Section will remain closed for the 2027 season.

Makushin/Skan Bay Section: The 2026 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Makushin/Skan Bay Section will remain closed for the 2027 season.

Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section: The 2026 survey-estimated mature male abundance was above the regulatory threshold, but the computed legal male GHL was below the 15,000-pound minimum GHL regulatory threshold; therefore, the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section will remain closed for the 2027 season.

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