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2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY NORTHERN CHATHAM STRAIT AREA CLOSURE

The commercial red and blue king crab fishery in the Northern Chatham Strait Management Area will close on **Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest is expected to reach the guideline harvest level for the Northern Chatham Strait Management Area by the closure. Permit holders are reminded that daily call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders should notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via call-in information, fish tickets, logbooks, and port sampling information for the remaining open management areas: Icy Strait/Outer Coast, Lower Chatham Strait, Lynn Canal, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary, and the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days following the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. For vessels registered for the red king crab fishery, all gear must be removed from the Northern Chatham Strait Management Area no later than November 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C6226.

Advisory announcement web site: *http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main*.

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