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BERING SEA TANNER CRAB SEASON

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of NMFS trawl survey data for the eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock. The 2012 area-swept survey estimate of mature female Tanner crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is 19.7 million pounds, below the harvest strategy threshold for mature female biomass of 21.9 million pounds; therefore the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery will not open during the 2012/2013 season.

Fishermen are reminded that incidentally taken **Tanner crab may not be retained** during either the Bristol Bay red king crab or Bering Sea snow crab fisheries.

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