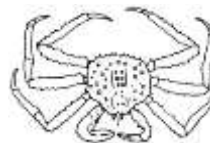

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COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT LOWER CHATHAM STRAIT AND NORTH STEPHENS PASSAGE AREAS CLOSURE DATE

Petersburg . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Lower Chatham Strait and North Stephens Passage Areas will close at 12:00 noon, **Wednesday, July 9, 2014**.

Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest as of the closure date is expected to fall short of the 28,000 pound guideline harvest level for the Lower Chatham Strait Area and the 10,000 pound guideline harvest level for the North Stephens Passage Area.

The department is currently evaluating available information for the Mid-Chatham Strait management area. Once that review is complete the department will issue a separate news release announcing plans for that management area. That news release is expected to be released prior to the end of June.

Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they cease fishing.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days after the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Lower Chatham Strait and North Stephens Passage Areas no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, July 14, 2014.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1C1614.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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