

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



*Sam Cotten, Commissioner*

*Jeff Regnart, Director*



---

Contact:  
Heather Fitch, BSAI Area Management Biologist

Dutch Harbor Area Office  
P.O. Box 920587  
Dutch Harbor, Alaska 99692

Phone: (907) 581-1239  
Fax: (907) 581-1572

Date: February 13, 2015

**MAKUSHIN/SKAN BAY SECTION  
of the  
EASTERN ALEUTIAN DISTRICT TANNER CRAB FISHERY  
CLOSURE ANNOUNCED  
EO # 4-S-02-15**

The Makushin/Skan Bay Section of the Eastern Aleutian District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015. Inseason catch reports and fish ticket data indicate that the Makushin/Skan Bay guideline harvest level (GHL) will be reached at this time.

All Tanner crab pots within the Makushin/Skan Bay Section must be unbaited with doors secured open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters of the Makushin/Skan Bay Section deeper than 25 fathoms for up to 72 hours following the closure. After 72 hours following the closure, all Tanner crab pots in the Makushin/Skan Bay Section must be removed from the water, or stored unbaited with doors secured open in waters less than 25 fathoms in depth for up to seven days following the closure. Fishermen must deliver within 24 hours of the closure.

For further information contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

-end-