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YAKUTAT DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL USE SEASONS TO REMAIN CLOSED

Juneau… The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial and personal use fisheries for Dungeness crab in Registration Area D (Yakutat) will remain closed for the 2016/2017 fishing season. The commercial fishery has been closed since 2000 after being designated as collapsed and recovering by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A survey of the Yakutat Area Dungeness stock conducted in May 2004 showed no signs of stock recovery. Based on results of this survey, the Yakutat Area sport and personal use Dungeness fisheries were closed in late 2004. The department re-surveyed the Yakutat Dungeness stock in June 2012 and June 2013, and while survey catches improved from 2004, the stock has not recovered to a level that will sustain removals for these fisheries.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are EO 1C0800 and EO 1C1016.

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