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**NONCOMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHERIES  
REMAIN CLOSED IN COOK INLET AND NORTH GULF COAST WATERS  
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All noncommercial (subsistence, personal use, and sport) Tanner crab fisheries in Registration Area H will remain closed for the 2016-17 season. This comprises waters of Cook Inlet (including Kachemak Bay and Kamishak Bay) and the North Gulf Coast.

Surveys were last conducted in 2013 for Kachemak Bay and 2012 for Kamishak Bay. Survey results of legal male Tanner crab were well below that which is needed to open the fishery according to the 5AAC 35.408 *Registration Area H Tanner Crab Harvest Strategy*. Because no surveys will be conducted in 2016, areas of Cook Inlet and the North Gulf Coast will remain closed. The Board of Fisheries meeting considering statewide Tanner and King crab proposals is scheduled for March 13-17, 2017; the deadline for submitting proposals was April 11.

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