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BERING SEA TANNER CRAB SEASON CLOSED

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of 2016 NMFS trawl survey results for the eastern Bering Sea Subdistrict Tanner crab stock. The 2016 area-swept survey estimate of mature female biomass (8.067 million pounds) is below the minimum regulatory threshold of 9.832 million pounds necessary for a fishery opening. Therefore, the Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries east and west of 166° W long will be closed for the 2016/17 season.

For questions regarding federal Crab Rationalization Program regulations, contact NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries Division at (907) 586-7228 or the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement in Kodiak at (907) 486-3298 or Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-2061. For questions regarding quota shares and IFQ/IPQ, contact NOAA Fisheries RAM Division at 1-800-304-4846 (option #2).

For information on the Tanner crab harvest strategy or fishery regulations contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239 or Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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