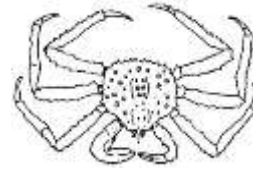

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JUNEAU AREA PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the summer personal use red and blue king crab season in Section 11-A will **open at 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, and will continue through 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2017.**

Analysis of the data from the 2017 Juneau leg of the annual red king crab survey indicate sufficient stock abundance to allow the prosecution of the Section 11-A personal use red and blue king crab fishery at a reduced harvest level. The fishery will proceed with the following daily bag and possession limits and restrictions:

- **Fishery will be open from 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Monday July 31.**
- **Summer seasonal limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 2 male crab per household permit.**
- **Daily limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 2 male crab per household permit.**
- **1 pot or 2 ring nets per vessel are allowed to take king and/or tanner crab during this fishery. A household permit is required to participate in the fishery and permits will be available at the Douglas Fish and Game Office, 802 3rd Street, starting 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 24, 2017. Permits will not be available online.**
- **Summer king crab permits must be returned to the Douglas ADF&G office immediately once the two crab seasonal bag limit has been reached, or by September 30, 2017.**

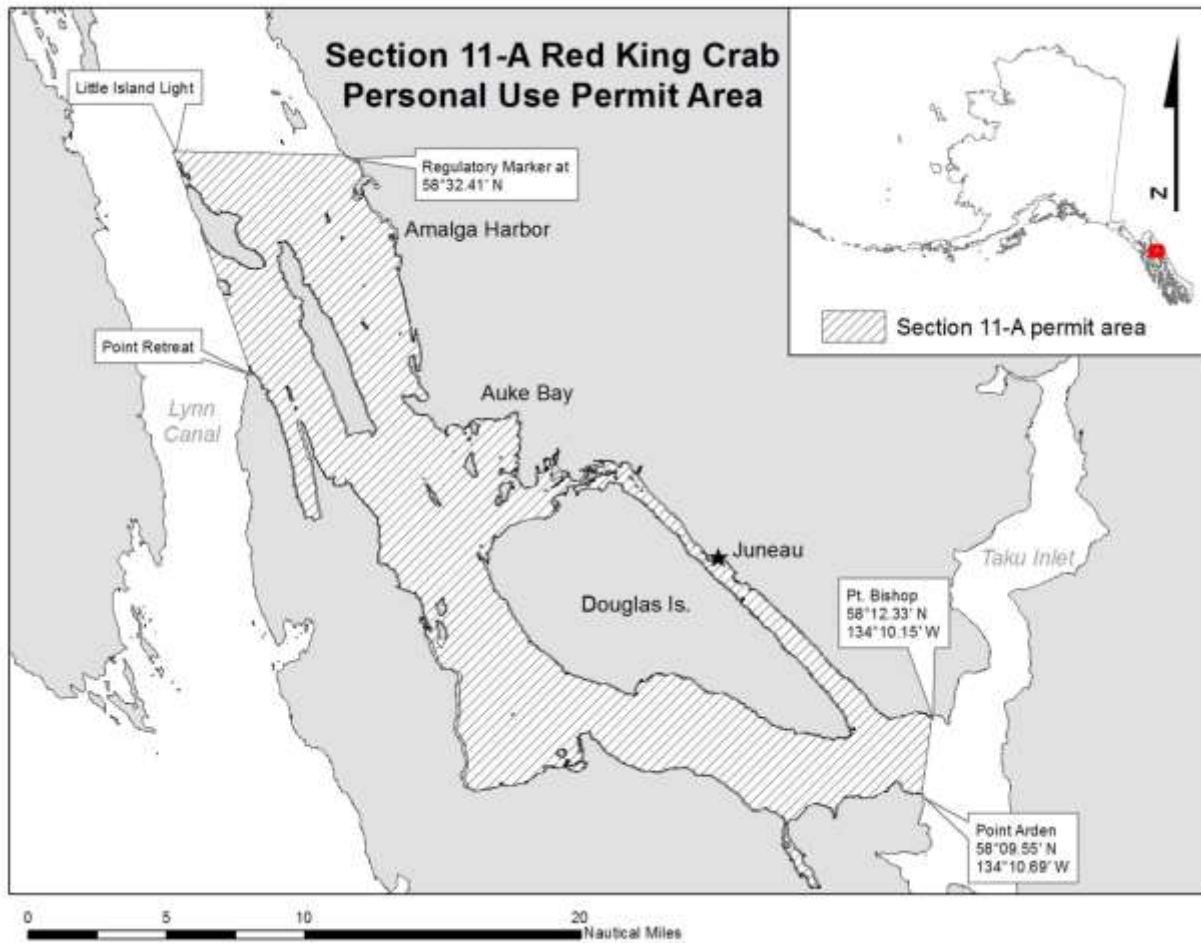
Residents are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid resident sport-fishing license if 18 years or older prior to harvesting king crab.

Current regulations on personal use red and blue king crab fishing can be found at:

[http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac/query=\[JUMP:%275+aac+77!2E664%27\]/doc/{@1}?firsthit](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac/query=[JUMP:%275+aac+77!2E664%27]/doc/{@1}?firsthit)

Information regarding the red and blue king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A may be found in the June 21 News Release #062117 NR 2. For more information on the status of the red and blue king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A please contact Joe Stratman (772-5238) or Adam Messmer (465-4853).

Section 11-A includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north of a line from the Coast Guard marker and light on Point Arden to Bishop Point at 58°12.33' N. latitude and 134°10.00' W. longitude and south of a line at the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N. latitude, and east of a line from Little Island Light to Point Retreat Light.



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