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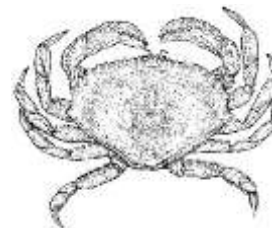
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the 2017/2018 commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season in Registration Area A (Southeastern Alaska) will be reduced in duration. **All waters open to commercial Dungeness fishing in Southeastern Alaska will open at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 1, 2017 and will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.**

In accordance with the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan [5 AAC 32.146(3)], the department has completed an analysis of the incidence of legal-size male soft-shelled crabs caught early in the summer season. Based on data from port sampling and fish tickets, the department has determined that the proportion of legal-size male soft-shelled Dungeness crabs discarded during the first week of the summer season was above the previous three-year average, but the amount was not a contributing factor in failing to meet the 2.25 million pound harvest projection threshold described in the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan. Therefore, per 5 AAC 32.146(2)(B), the commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season in Southeastern Alaska will be open for 30 days.

Regulatory closed waters are listed in 5 AAC 32.150. Fishermen are reminded that this is the third season with closed areas in Port Frederick near Hoonah and Favorite Bay near Angoon [5 AAC 32.150(17) & (18)]. Waters of Glacier Bay are closed by federal regulation to commercial Dungeness crab fishing. Fishermen may contact the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve at (907) 697-2230 for more information.

In addition to the closed waters mentioned above, waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island Reserve are closed to crab fishing. For more information on these closed waters, contact the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) office of law enforcement in Ketchikan at 907-247-5804.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1617.

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