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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL RED KING CRAB FISHERY POT STORAGE REMINDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) would like to update commercial red king crab permit holders regarding pot storage requirements after the initial 24-hour fishery opening.

Permit holders fishing in **surveyed areas**: Pots may be stored in the water with all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured fully open for five days following the initial closure.

Permit holders fishing in **non-surveyed areas**: Pots may not be stored in waters deeper than 10 fathoms at mean low tide after 12:00 noon on November 2, 2017, and must have all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured fully open. Buoys must be attached to stored pots and must be marked as specified in 5 AAC 34.051, except that a stack of stored king crab pots may be marked with a single buoy (5 AAC 34.127 (3)).

5 AAC 34.127. King crab pot storage requirements for Registration Area A

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 34.052, king crab pots with all bait and bait containers removed and all doors secured fully open may be stored in the water only

(2) for five days following the season closure for king crab in any portion of Registration Area A;

(3) during the 10 days before the scheduled opening of the commercial king and Tanner crab seasons in Registration Area A, only under the following conditions:

(A) a pot may not be stored in waters deeper than 10 fathoms at mean low tide; and

(B) buoys must be attached to stored pots and must be marked as specified in 5 AAC 34.051, except that a stack of stored king crab pots may be marked with a single buoy.

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