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Permits available for Cook Inlet and North Gulf Coast Tanner Crab Fishery

(Homer) - The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay sport and Cook Inlet Area subsistence Tanner crab fisheries will open from October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. A valid permit is required to participate in either fishery. Permits are ONLY available online through the ADF&G online store. Permits are located under the “Fishing Permits” tab. While a Tanner Crab fishery permit may be obtained online, participants are required to have a printed and signed copy with them while fishing for Tanner crab and harvest must be reported in ink on the permit before catch is concealed.

To receive a Tanner crab sport permit, a sport fishing license is required. Alaskan residents may receive a Tanner crab subsistence permit without a sport fishing license; however, the fishery is confined to the designated subsistence area. Individuals who receive both a subsistence and sport permit are reminded that having both permits does not allow for double the pot limit and bag and possession limits and harvest must be reported for the appropriate area on the respective permit.

Each permit holder is responsible for reporting online by March 15, 2019, even if the permit holder did not fish. Individuals who fail to report online by March 15, 2019, WILL NOT be eligible for a permit the following year.

The Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area open to sport fishing consists of all waters enclosed by a line extending east from Cape Douglas and a line extending south from Cape Fairfield, including the North Gulf Coast. The Cook Inlet Area subsistence fishery area is a reduced portion of the sport area as the nonsubsistence area is excluded. Please refer to the online permit page for maps of the sport and subsistence Tanner crab fishery areas.

The bag and possession limit is three male Tanner crab, four and one-half inches or greater in carapace (shell) width, including spines, per day. One pot per person is allowed with a maximum of one pot per vessel. Please review complete shellfish regulations on pages 75 and 79 of the 2018 Southcentral Sport Fishing Regulations Summary booklet.

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