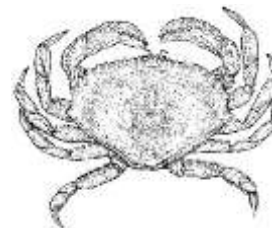

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FALL/WINTER SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today the following information concerning the Southeast Alaska commercial Dungeness crab fishery.

2018/2019 Fall/Winter Fishing Season

As previously announced, the department estimated the full season harvest from landings and effort data from the first week of the summer season. This estimate indicated that the total season's harvest would exceed 2.25 million pounds as required by 5 AAC 32.146 for a normal season length. According to 5 AAC 32.110, all waters open to commercial Dungeness fishing will open at **8:00 a.m.** on Monday, October 1, 2018.

Closed Waters:

Regulatory closed waters within Registration Area A are listed in 5 AAC 32.150. Permit holders are reminded that this is the first season with an expanded closed area within Hollis Anchorage [5 AAC 32.150(11)]. This closed area was expanded at the January 2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting. 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, fishermen are reminded the Annette Islands Reserve is a federally-recognized Indian reservation in Alaska. The waters within 3,000 feet of Annette Island, Ham Island, Hemlock Island, Spire Island, Walker Island, Lewis Island, and adjacent rocks and islets are designated within the fishing reserve. Fisheries within the reserve are managed by the Metlakatla Indian Community for authorized fisheries participants.

Metlakatla residents are also reminded that waters beyond 3,000 feet of Annette Island, Ham Island, Hemlock Island, Spire Island, Walker Island, Lewis Island, and adjacent rocks and islets are managed by the State of Alaska. Proper licensing, permitting and reporting are required.

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