



2011 Kodiak District Tanner crab Fishery Information



General

- ◆ The fishery will open at 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 15, 2011 unless delayed by gale force (35 knots) or higher winds contained in the 48 hour National Weather Service forecast for Area 132 at 4 AM on Jan. 14.
- ◆ The fishery is superexclusive and limited entry.
- ◆ Northeast Section guideline harvest level (GHL) = 100,000 pounds, Eastside GHL = 1,000,000 pounds, Southeast GHL = 240,000 pounds, and Southwest GHL = 150,000 pounds.
- ◆ Marmot Bay in the Northeast Section (north of Termination Point, west of 152° 0.00' W) will be **closed** for the 2011 fishery.
- ◆ Pot limit for 2011 fishery, based on total district GHL, will be **20** aggregate pots. Buoy tags are required and will be available in the Kodiak ADF&G office December 14.
- ◆ Gear may only be operated daily from 08:00 AM to 5:59 PM (10 hours). From 6:00 PM to 07:59 AM gear cannot be set or retrieved, however it can be left in the water to soak.
- ◆ Depending on manageability, fishing times may be extended when effort declines and substantial GHL remains.
- ◆ The fishery will be managed inseason from voluntary catch reporting by the fleet. ADF&G will take reports daily by radio, telephone, FAX, e-mail and dispatch. The Matrix dispatch number is **7894**.
- ◆ Closure announcements may occur on **little or no** advance notice; inshore and offshore waters of these sections will be managed separately.

Important!

- ◆ Vessels may be required to deliver their catch after section or partial section closures.

Storage/Gear operation

- ◆ Pots may be stored in waters shallower than 25 fathoms with all bait and bait containers removed and doors secured open (or not secured closed for cone or pyramid pots) for 30 days before and after the commercial fishery. Registered vessels may not have more than an aggregate of 20 pots in the Kodiak District either onboard the vessel, fishing, or in wet storage (this includes stored groundfish pots).

Important!

- ◆ No person may operate commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Kodiak District. Placing tagged gear into shallow water storage is permitted during this 14-day stand down period; *however*, vessels may not retrieve gear to place buoy tags on gear during this 14-day period.

- ◆ Tank inspection will be required for wet tanked vessels and will begin at 12:00 noon on January 14, 2011 in Kodiak and Old Harbor unless the fishery is delayed due to severe weather.

- ◆ All pot gear onboard and in wet storage must be tagged at the time of tank inspection.

Important!

- ◆ Vessels **may not** retrieve gear from storage during the 24-hour period after tank inspection but before the fishery opening. Gear may only be retrieved from storage **AFTER** the fishery has opened.

Gear information

- ◆ At least one buoy on each pot must be clearly marked with the same number that appears on the permanent ADF&G vessel plate (including leading zeros as needed). No additional number(s) may appear on the buoy that contains the vessel ADF&G number (symbols and letters are permitted).
- ◆ All gear must contain the following escape mechanisms:
 - 1/3 of one vertical surface must be composed of not less than 7 ¼ inch stretched mesh webbing **or** have no less than four circular escape rings of no less than five inches inside diameter. Rings must be installed on the vertical plane of the pot.
 - Pots must contain a biodegradable escape mechanism that is a minimum of 18-inches in length, within six inches of the bottom, and must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated, 100% cotton twine no larger than 30 thread count.