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CLOSURE OF THE CHIGNIK DISTRICT TANNER CRAB FISHERY

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 4-S-14-12

All remaining open waters of the Chignik District will close to Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2012. Catch reports indicate harvest will approach survey estimates of total allowable Tanner crab surplus. Further harvest is not warranted to protect the long-term health of the Tanner crab stock.

All pots within the closed area must be unbaited with doors open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in the closed area in waters deeper than 25 fathoms for seven days. After seven days all pots remaining in the closed area must be removed from the water or placed in waters shallower than 25 fathoms.