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**UNALASKA/KALEKTA BAY SECTION
TANNER CRAB FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCED
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The Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section of the Eastern Aleutian District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Inseason catch reports and fish ticket data indicate the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section guideline harvest level (GHL) will be achieved.

Tanner crab pots within the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section must be unbaited with doors secured open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters of the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section deeper than 25 fathoms for up to 72 hours following the closure. After 72 hours following the closure, all Tanner crab pots in the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section must be removed from the water, or stored unbaited with doors secured open in waters less than 25 fathoms in depth for up to seven days following the closure, except that pots may not be stored within Kalekta Bay inside of a line from the tip of Erskine Point to the tip of Cape Kalekta. Vessel operators are required to deliver within 24 hours of the closure and are asked to notify the Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor of their intended delivery time.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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