Crab may be taken by hand, or with pots or ring nets; or by diving gear or hookless lines, either operated by hand or attached to a pole or rod.

Shrimp may be taken only with pots or ring nets.

Clams may be taken by hand, or with rakes, shovels, or manually operated clam guns.

No more than 5 pots of any size per person and 10 pots per vessel may be used to take shellfish at any time.

If a keg or buoy is used on shellfish gear, the first initial and last name and home address of the person operating the pot must be legibly inscribed on the keg or buoy. In addition, the name or AK number of the vessel used to set the gear must also be inscribed on the keg or buoy.

All pots must include an escape mechanism in accordance with shellfish harvest regulations (5 AAC 39.145). See next section for description.

Octopus are occasionally caught in crab pots. Octopus are defined as “other shellfish.” There are no closed seasons, no bag or possession limits. Octopus may be taken only by pots or hook and line.

An owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services may not furnish to a client or guest of that enterprise, subsistence-, sport-, or personal use-caught shellfish, unless the shellfish:

1. Has been taken with gear deployed and retrieved by the client or guest;
2. Has been taken with gear that has been marked with the client’s or guest’s name and address; and
3. Is to be consumed by the client or guest or is consumed in the presence of the client or guest. The captain and crew members of a charter vessel may not deploy, set, or retrieve their own gear in a subsistence, sport, or personal use fishery when that vessel is being chartered.

**Legal Gear Requirements for Harvesting Shellfish**

- Crab may be taken by hand, or with pots or ring nets; or by diving gear or dip nets; or by hooked or hookless lines, either operated by hand or attached to a pole or rod.
- Shrimp may be taken only with pots or ring nets.
- Clams may be taken by hand, or with rakes, shovels, or manually operated clam guns.
- No more than 5 pots of any size per person and 10 pots per vessel may be used to take shellfish at any time.
- If a keg or buoy is used on shellfish gear, the first initial and last name and home address of the person operating the pot must be legibly inscribed on the keg or buoy. In addition, the name or AK number of the vessel used to set the gear must also be inscribed on the keg or buoy.
- All pots must include an escape mechanism in accordance with shellfish harvest regulations (5 AAC 39.145). See next section for description.
CRAB IDENTIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT

TANNER CRAB (minimum size 5½ inches)

Female - NO HARVEST ALLOWED
Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside (females usually smaller than 5½")
Male
Narrow abdominal flap
Width measurement of Tanner crab is the straight-line distance across the carapace, including spines.

DUNGENESS CRAB (minimum size 6½ inches)

Female - NO HARVEST ALLOWED
Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside
Male
Narrow abdominal flap
Width measurement of Dungeness crab is the straight-line distance across the carapace, NOT including spines.

KING CRAB - Bristol Bay only - (minimum size 6½ inches) - Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands and Kodiak Island CLOSED season

Female - NO HARVEST ALLOWED
Wide abdominal flap covers most of underside
Male
Narrow abdominal flap
6 prominent spines on mid-dorsal plate
5 to 9 spines on mid-dorsal plate
4 prominent spines on mid-dorsal plate
RED KING CRAB (minimum size 6½ inches)
BROWN KING CRAB (minimum size 6½ inches)
BLUE KING CRAB (minimum size 6½ inches)