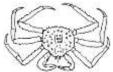
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that seasons for the 2018/2019 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, **February 12**, **2019**. The season start date for the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries is based on the date with the smallest Juneau tidal range between February 10 and February 17 [5 AAC 35.110(a) and 5 AAC 34.110(b)]. Permit holders are reminded that weather delay criteria for the Tanner and king crab fisheries have been adopted into regulation. Any delay to the start of the 2018/2019 Tanner and golden king crab fisheries due to weather will be announced 24 hours before the start of the fisheries [5 AAC 35.110(b) and 34.110(f)].

The registration deadline for both fisheries is Monday, January 14, 2019. Permit holders who register after that date will be required to pay a \$45.00 late fee. Buoy tags are mandatory for all commercial Tanner and golden king crab gear and are available in area offices in Southeast Alaska for \$1.25 each. Further information on the 2018/2019 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent news releases.

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