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2019/2020 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that seasons for the 2019/2020 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at 12:00 noon on Monday, February 17, 2020. 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 2019/2020 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020. 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 at Alaska Department of Fish and Game area offices in Southeast Alaska for $1.25 each. Further information on the 2019/2020 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent news releases.