Advisory Announcement
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JUNEAU AREA (SECTION 11-A) WINTER PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the 2019/2020 winter personal use red and blue king crab season in Section 11-A will open at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, and close at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Analysis of data from the 2019 Juneau leg of the annual red king crab survey indicated sufficient stock abundance to allow prosecution of the Section 11-A personal use red and blue king crab fishery. The winter season fishery will proceed with the following daily bag and possession limits and restrictions:

- **Fishery opens at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 2020, and will close at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 12, 2020.**
- **Daily bag and possession limit** for the red and blue king crab fishery is **1 male crab per household permit.**
- **Winter seasonal limit** for the red and blue king crab fishery is **1 male crab per household permit.**
- King, Tanner, or Dungeness crab may only be taken using **one pot or two ring nets per vessel** or diving during this personal use fishery.
- **Female, undersized, and unretained legal crab MUST be immediately released unharmed in the location where they were caught.**
- **A household permit is required to participate in the fishery and permits will be available online.** Assistance with online permits is available at the Douglas Fish and Game Office at 802 3rd Street, and the Fish and Game Headquarters at 1255 W. 8th Street.
- **Winter king crab harvest must be reported online** (or permits may be returned to the Douglas office) **immediately once the seasonal limit has been reached** or by Friday, February 29, 2020, if seasonal limit was not reached or if the permit was not fished. **Report online at** [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU/](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU/).
- **Section 11-A king crab personal use permits can be obtained online at** [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/).

Residents are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid sport fishing license if 18 years or older prior to harvesting king crab.

Current regulations on personal use red and blue king crab fishing can be found at: [http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#5.77.664](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#5.77.664).

Information regarding the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A may be found in the September 12, 2019 News Release (091219 NR 2). For more information on the status of the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A please contact Adam Messmer (465-4853) or April Rebert (465-4274).
Section 11-A includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north and west of a line from the Coast Guard marker and light on Point Arden at 58°09.55’ N. lat., 134°10.69’ W. long. to Bishop Point at 58°12.33’ N. lat., 134°10.15’ W. long., and south of a line at the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41’ N. lat., and east of a line from Little Island Light to Point Retreat Light.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this advisory announcement is EO 1-C-02-20.