Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON CLOSURE
ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg… The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the season for the commercial
Dungeness crab fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast) will close in Districts 1 and 2, and Section 13-B outside of the
Sitka Sound Special Use Area [5 AAC 32.150(10)], by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020, consistent
with 5 AAC 32.110(3).

All Dungeness crab must be landed within 24 hours of a closure [5 AAC 32.031(d)]. Vessel operators unable to meet this
deadline must contact department shellfish staff within the 24 hours following the closure to request authorization to
possess Dungeness crab for an extended period.

A person may store Dungeness crab pots in waters closed to fishing for Dungeness crab for no more than seven days after
the closure of the Dungeness crab fishery in Registration Area A, if all pot doors are secured fully open and all bait and bait
containers are removed [5 AAC 32.052(b)(1)(A)]. Gear storage extensions due to extreme weather or a major vessel
breakdown may be obtained by contacting department shellfish staff [5 AAC 32.052(c)] before 11:59 p.m., Friday, March
6, 2020.

Contact numbers for requesting extended holding and gear storage extensions are as follows:

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