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Pribilof District Red and Blue King Crab Seasons Closed

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed stock assessment analysis for Pribilof District red and blue king crabs.

The 2020 Pribilof District blue king crab stock is estimated to be below the federal minimum stock size threshold and consequentially remains overfished. Therefore, the Pribilof District blue king crab fishery will remain closed for the 2020/21 season.

Due to high potential for blue king crab bycatch during a red king crab fishery, the Pribilof District red king crab fishery will also remain closed for the 2020/21 season.

For further information contact ADF&G Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239, or ADF&G Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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