



Advisory Announcement
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2021/2022 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHING SEASON

The Registration Area A (Southeast Alaska) Tanner crab harvest strategy [5 AAC 35.113] establishes commercial Tanner crab fishing season length using estimated mature male biomass and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery. As of 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2022, there are 64 pot vessels and 5,120 pots registered for the 2021/2022 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 5,120 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides two additional days of season length in “core”, “non-core”, and “exploratory” areas. The 2021/2022 commercial Tanner crab fishery in Southeast Alaska will open in “core”, “non-core”, and “exploratory” areas (described in 5 AAC 35.113(c)) at 12:00 noon on **Friday, February 11, 2022**. The season will close in “core” fishing areas after seven fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Friday, February 18, 2022**, close in “non-core” areas after twelve fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022**, and close in the “exploratory” area after twenty-six fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**.

Shellfish management staff will be available in Juneau/Douglas and Petersburg for permit holders during the duration of the Tanner crab fishery, including the first two weekends on an “on-call” capacity. For assistance February 12-13, shellfish management in Juneau/Douglas can be reached at (907) 723-3342 and in Petersburg at (907) 518-0755. For February 19-20, shellfish management in Juneau/Douglas can be reached at (907) 723-1921 and in Petersburg at (907) 518-4421.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0722.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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