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YAKUTAT 2022/2023 DUNGENESS CRAB
COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL USE SEASONS TO REMAIN CLOSED

The commercial fishery for Dungeness crab in Registration Area D (Yakutat) will remain closed for the 2022/2023 fishing season. The commercial fishery has been closed since 2000 after being designated as collapsed and recovering by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A survey of the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab stock conducted in May 2004 showed no signs of stock recovery. The department resurveyed the Yakutat Dungeness stock in June 2012 and June 2013, and while survey catches improved from 2004, the stock has not recovered to a level that will sustain commercial removals.

The personal use Dungeness crab fishery in Yakutat was closed in 2004. The closure was addressed annually by emergency order until 2018 when the Alaska Board of Fisheries removed the personal use fishery from regulation.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0800.

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