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Prince William Sound Area Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery

The Prince William Sound (PWS; Registration Area E) Tanner crab commercial fishery will be closed for the 2023 season. Estimates of mature male Tanner crab abundance derived from a survey conducted in the Northeastern District in September 2022 did not surpass thresholds in the *Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy* adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in December 2021 (5 AAC 35.308). Mature male Tanner crab abundance thresholds for the other surveyed districts included in the harvest strategy were not surpassed in the most recent surveys conducted in those districts. Therefore, there will be no PWS Tanner crab commercial fishery or test fishery in 2023. ADF&G plans to conduct Tanner crab surveys in other PWS districts during summer 2023. Information regarding the 2022 PWS Tanner crab commercial and test fisheries is available in a memo that may be obtained in Cordova, Anchorage, and Homer or online here: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Static/fishing/pdfs/commercial/pws/2022_pws_tanner_memo.pdf.

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