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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2023 Eastern Aleutian District Tanner Crab Preseason Registration and  
Guideline Harvest Level Announced**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has completed analysis of trawl survey results for the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab stock. The 2022 trawl survey estimates of mature male Tanner crab abundance were compared to established regulatory thresholds for the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay, Makushin/Skan Bay, and Akutan Sections. A commercial Tanner crab fishery may occur when estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab meets or exceeds stock size thresholds established in regulation and requires a guideline harvest level (GHL) of at least 10,000 pounds in the Makushin/Skan Bay and Akutan Sections, and 15,000 pounds in the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section (5 AAC 35.509 *Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy*).

**Akutan Section:** The 2022 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Akutan Section will remain closed for the 2023 season.

**Makushin/Skan Bay Section:** The 2022 survey-estimated mature male abundance exceeded regulatory thresholds necessary for a 2023 commercial Tanner crab season and calculated GHL exceeds the minimum GHL requirement. The 2023 Makushin/Skan Bay Section commercial Tanner crab season will open at 12:00 noon on January 15, 2023, with a GHL of 49,000 pounds.

**Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section:** The 2022 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section will remain closed for the 2023 season.

**Preseason registration forms must be received by ADF&G in Dutch Harbor by 5:00 p.m. December 24, 2022.** Preseason registration forms are available at the Dutch Harbor office. A 2022 or 2023 T090 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit card listing the vessel's ADF&G number is required at the time of preseason registration.

The number of vessels that preseason register will be used to establish the pot limit for the 2023 season. Information regarding pot limits, buoy tag sales, tank inspections and inseason catch reporting will be announced via advisory announcement after the preseason registration deadline.

ADF&G will monitor the fishery inseason, and closure prior to achieving the GHL may occur if preseason expectations of fishery performance are not met. Section boundaries are provided in 5 AAC 35.505 (c). Vessels fishing for Tanner crab in the Eastern Aleutian District are limited to 58 feet or less in overall length.

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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