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North Alaska Peninsula District Dungeness Crab Registration Deadline Reminder

Recent regulatory changes adopted at the January 2023 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting implemented a registration deadline and individual vessel pot limits for the North Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness fishery. These regulations will be effective March 26, 2023 and will therefore apply to the 2023 commercial fishery. The information below is a summary of the regulatory changes to 5 AAC 32.406 *Area J Registration* and 5 AAC 32.425 *Lawful gear for Registration Area J*.

Registration Deadline:

To participate in the North Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness fishery (May 1–October 18), vessels must register by April 1. To register a vessel for the fishery, vessel operators must obtain a D09J or D91J CFEC permit and file a registration form with the department. Registration forms can be submitted in person to the Dutch Harbor or Kodiak ADF&G office, by mail to the Dutch Harbor or Kodiak ADF&G office, email (dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov), or by fax (1-907-581-1572). **Please note that failure to register by the April 1 registration deadline will preclude a vessel from participating in the fishery for the calendar year. Once registered, fishery exclusivity regulations apply.**

Pot Limits:

The department will establish the individual vessel pot limit after the April 1 registration deadline. If five vessels or fewer are validly registered by the registration deadline, the pot limit will be 750 pots per vessel; if more than five vessels are validly registered by the registration deadline, the pot limit will be 500 pots per vessel. Buoy tags are required and may be purchased through the Dutch Harbor or Kodiak ADF&G office at a cost of \$0.50 each. Sets of buoy tags will be available in Dutch Harbor and mailed to additional locations as requested.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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