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2024 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASON START DATE AND REGISTRATION

The 2024 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at **12:00 noon on Saturday, February 17, 2024**. The season start date for the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries is based on the date with the smallest Juneau tidal range between February 10 and February 17 [5 AAC 35.110(a) and 5 AAC 34.110(b)]. Permit holders are reminded that any delay to the start of the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries due to weather will be announced 24 hours before the start of the fisheries [5 AAC 35.110(b) and 5 AAC 34.110(f)].

The registration deadline for both fisheries is **Thursday, January 18, 2024**. Registration packets and buoy tags will be available at area offices starting **Friday, December 22, 2023**. Permit holders who register after that date will be required to pay a \$45.00 late fee [Sec 16.05.065]. Buoy tags are mandatory for all commercial Tanner and golden king crab gear and are available by appointment from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at Alaska Department of Fish and Game area offices in Southeast Alaska for \$1.25 each.

Permit holders are recommended to verify that their Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit card and vessel license are valid for the **2024** season prior to registering for the fishery. Questions about specific area office registration procedures or buoy tag sales should be directed to your local area office at the following phone numbers or emails listed below:

- Petersburg: Main Office: (907) 772-3801 Tessa Bergmann: (907) 772-5236, <u>tessa.bergmann@alaska.gov</u> Joe Stratman: (907) 772-5238, <u>joseph.stratman@alaska.gov</u>
- Douglas: Main Office: (907) 465-4250 Adam Messmer: (907) 465-4853, <u>adam.messmer@alaska.gov</u> Zane Chapman: (907) 465-4274, <u>zane.chapman@alaska.gov</u>

Sitka: (907) 747-6688, Haines: (907) 766-2830, Ketchikan: (907) 225-5195

Additional information regarding the 2024 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent advisory announcements.

Advisory announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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