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Eastern Aleutian District Tanner Crab 2024 Fishery Closed

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has completed analysis of trawl survey results for the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab stock. The 2023 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 Akutan Section was not surveyed in 2023 and will remain closed for the 2024 season.

Makushin/Skan Bay Section: The 2023 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Makushin/Skan Bay Section will be closed for the 2024 season.

Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section: The 2023 survey-estimated mature male abundance was below the regulatory threshold; therefore, the Unalaska/Kalekta Bay Section will remain closed for the 2024 season.

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

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