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Prince William Sound Area Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has reviewed 2023 Tanner crab survey results from the Prince William Sound (PWS) Central District (Figure 1). The estimate of mature male Tanner crab derived from the survey did not surpass thresholds (Figure 2) established in *Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy* (5AAC 35.308(a)(2)) for the Central District. As a result, the PWS commercial Tanner crab fishery will remain closed in 2024. A commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Central District may occur when the estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab meets or exceeds abundance thresholds. ADF&G plans include conducting a large mesh bottom trawl Tanner crab survey in the Southwestern District (Figure 1) in June 2024.

For more information on Tanner crab harvest strategies or survey results, contact ADF&G in Homer at (907)-235-8191.

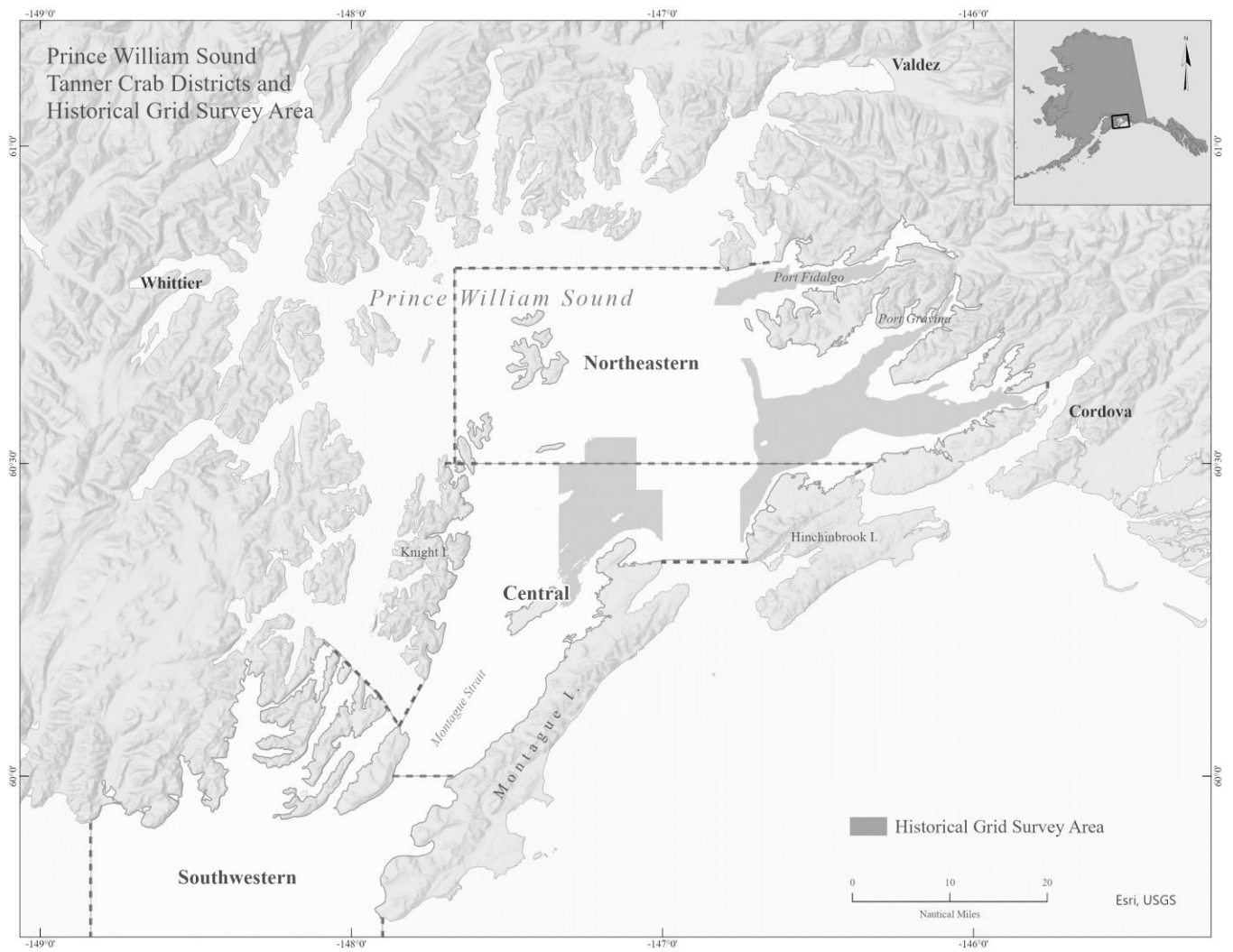


Figure 1.— Northeastern, Central, and Southwestern PWS Commercial Tanner Crab Districts.

PWS Central District Male Tanner Crab

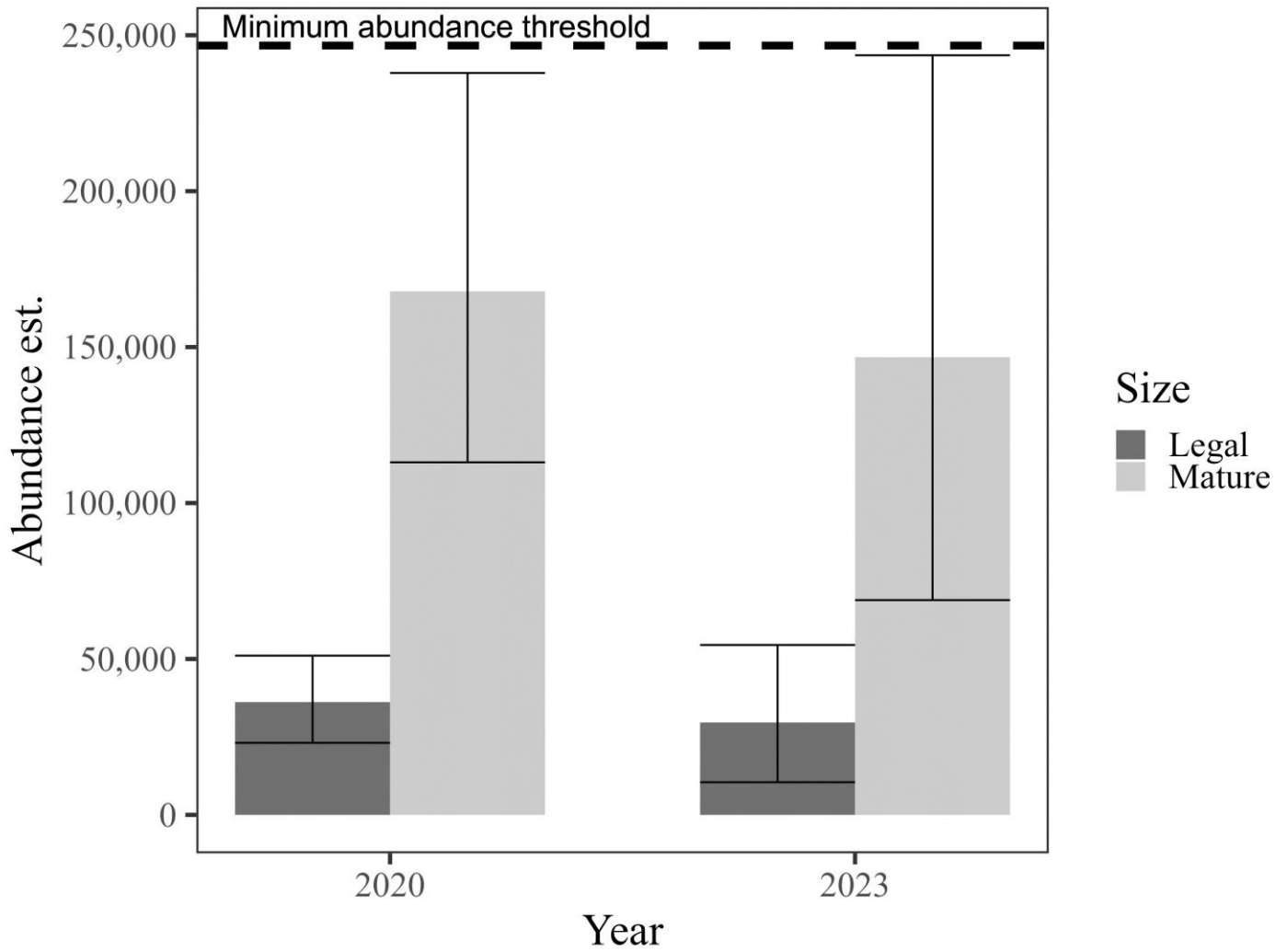


Figure 2.- Estimated mature-size male Tanner crab and legal-size male Tanner crab abundance in the PWS Central District.