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# Partial Closure of the Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery in the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District

#### **Emergency Order 4-S-06-25**

State waters (0–3nmi offshore) of the Southeast Section of the Kodiak District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. January 25, 2025. Inseason catch reports indicate a closure in this area is warranted due to low Tanner crab abundance and declining fishery performance.

All pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Open and unbaited pots may be stored in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 7 days after the closure. After 7 days, all pots must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

Federal waters (3–200 nmi offshore) of the Southeast Section will remain open until further notice. Vessel operators are not required to deliver crab harvested from the closed area prior to harvesting crab in the remaining open area.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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