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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## 2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY NORTHERN AREA CLOSURE

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the Northern Area will close at **12:00 noon, Thursday, March 6, 2025**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest is expected to reach the 35,000-pound guideline harvest level for the Northern Area by the closure. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance with fish tickets, logbooks, and port sampling information for the remaining open management areas: Icy Strait, Mid-Chatham Strait, North Stephens Passage, Lower Chatham Strait, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary, and the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days following the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Northern Area no later than 12:00 noon, March 11, 2025.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0825.

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

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