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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY  
ICY STRAIT AREA CLOSURE**

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the Icy Strait Area will close at **12:00 noon, Saturday, March 8, 2025**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest is expected to reach the 25,000-pound guideline harvest level for the Icy Strait Area by the closure date. Permit holders are reminded that daily 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: North Stephens Passage, Mid-Chatham Strait, Lower Chatham Strait, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary; 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 Icy Strait Area no later than 12:00 noon, March 13, 2025.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0925.

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

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