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2025/26 YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY TO REMAIN CLOSED

The commercial Dungeness crab fishery in Registration Area D (Yakutat) will remain closed for the 2025/26 fishing season. The commercial fishery has been closed since 2000 after being designated as collapsed and recovering by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. A survey of the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab stock conducted in May 2004 showed no signs of stock recovery. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game resurveyed the Yakutat Dungeness crab stock in June 2012 and June 2013, and while survey catches improved from 2004, the stock has not recovered to a level that will sustain commercial removals.

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