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**2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY
SOUTHERN AREA CLOSURE**

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the Southern Area will close at **12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 13, 2025**. The Southern Area guideline harvest level of 23,000-pound is expected to be reached by the closure date; this is based on harvest projections using current effort. 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 area, Lower Chatham Strait. Additional management action may be taken as necessary, the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for the final management area closure.

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 Southern management area no later than 12:00 noon, May 18, 2025.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1425.

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