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2025 Prince William Sound

Subsistence Tanner and Golden King Crab Permit Update

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) subsistence golden king and tanner crab fishery opened October 1, 2025. The permits available online contained outdated gear regulations. In December 2024, the Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted a new regulation that increased the allowable pots per vessel while fishing for tanner crab in a specific area (Figure 1) outlined in the new regulation. The new regulation is:

5 AAC 02.207. Lawful gear for subsistence king and tanner crab fisheries.

(3) not more than two pots a person with a maximum of two pots each vessel may be used to take king or Tanner crab, **except that in waters north of 60° 00.00' N. lat., and east of 147° 00.00' W. long., not more than two pots a person with a maximum of eight pots each vessel may be used to take Tanner crab.**

General information for subsistence tanner crab fisheries and specifics about regulations, required permits, or reporting requirements, can be obtained by calling the Homer ADF&G staff at 907-235-8191, and also found at the ADF&G PWS commercial fisheries web site

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.shellfish#management>.

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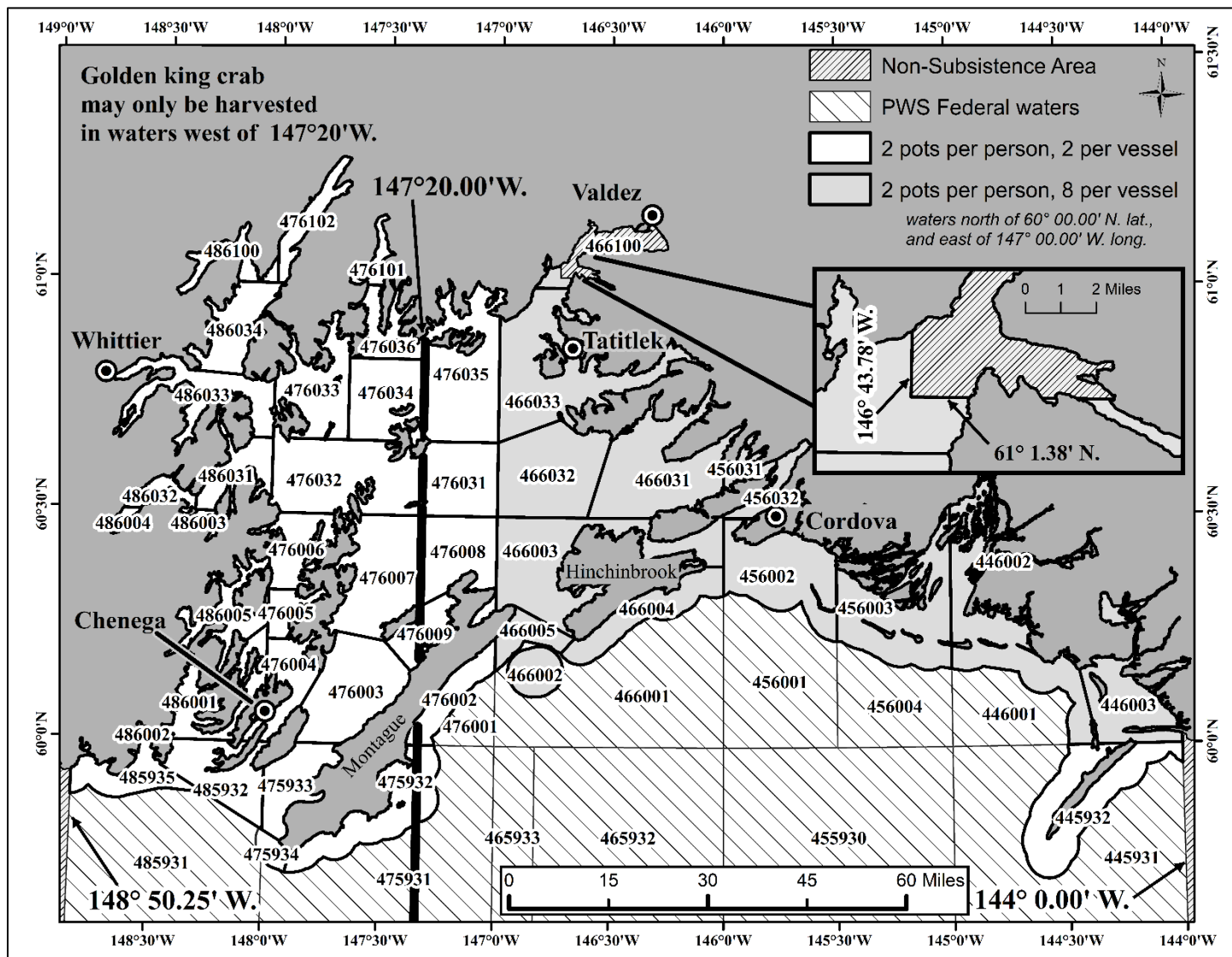


Figure 1. – Subsistence tanner crab fishery area with increased pot/vessel limit.