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2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY EASTERN FREDERICK SOUND AREA CLOSURE

The commercial red and blue king crab fishery in the Eastern Frederick Sound Management Area will close on **November 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**, due to decreased fishery performance. This management area is not surveyed by the department and therefore fishery performance has been used to determine closure timing. Permit holders are reminded that daily call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants and are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via call-in information, fish tickets, logbooks, and port sampling information for the remaining open management areas: Icy Strait/Outer Coast, 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)]. For vessels registered for the red king crab fishery, all gear must be removed from the Eastern Frederick Sound Management Area no later than November 30, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3825.

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

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