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**2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL RED AND BLUE KING CRAB  
FISHERY ICY STRAIT/OUTER COAST AREA CLOSURE**

The commercial red and blue king crab fishery in the Icy Strait/Outer Coast Management Area will close on **December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, due to poor fishery performance. This area is partially surveyed, however, additional years are needed to determine a biomass based on the stock assessment survey; 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: 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 Icy Strait/Outer Coast Management Area no later than December 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3925.

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

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