



Advisory Announcement

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2025/2026 JUNEAU AREA (SECTION 11-A) WINTER PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY

The 2025/26 Juneau Area (Section 11-A) winter personal use red and blue king crab season will be **open from 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 8, through 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 16, 2026.**



Personal use permits can be obtained through the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) website: <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov/>, the QR code, or at the Douglas office. Permits are currently unavailable in the ADF&G mobile application.

Analysis of data from the 2025 Juneau portion of the annual red and blue king crab stock assessment survey indicated sufficient stock abundance to open the Section 11-A personal use red and blue king crab fishery (Figure 1). The winter fishery will proceed with the following daily bag and possession limits and restrictions:

- **A household permit is required to participate in the fishery; permits are available online.**
- Daily bag and possession limit is **1 legal male red or blue king crab per household permit.**
- Winter seasonal limit is **1 legal male red or blue king crab per household permit.**
- King, Tanner, or Dungeness crab may only be taken using **one pot or two ring nets per vessel** or diving during this personal use fishery.
- Female, undersized, and unretained legal crab **MUST** be immediately released unharmed in the location where they were caught.
- Harvest reports are required for the winter red and blue king crab fishery and can be reported online at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or returned to the Douglas Area office by Saturday, February 28, 2026.

Residents participating in this personal use fishery are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid 2026 sport fishing license, if 18 years of age or older, prior to harvesting personal use king crab.

Current regulations on personal use red and blue king crab fishing can be found at:
https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/PDFs/southeast/2020se_sfregs_shellfish.pdf.

Information regarding the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A may be found in the October 28, 2025, Advisory Announcement (Southeast Alaska Red and Blue King Crab Personal Use Fishery). For further questions please contact Adam Messmer (907-465-4853), Zane Chapman (907-465-4274), or email at:
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Section 11-A (Figure 1) includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north and west of a line from Point Arden at 58°09.55' N lat, 134°10.68' W long to Point Bishop at 58°12.32' N lat, 134°10.14' W long, and south of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, and east of a line from Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°02.83' W long, to Point Retreat Light at 58°24.69' N lat, 134°57.31' W long.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this Advisory Announcement is EO 1C0826.

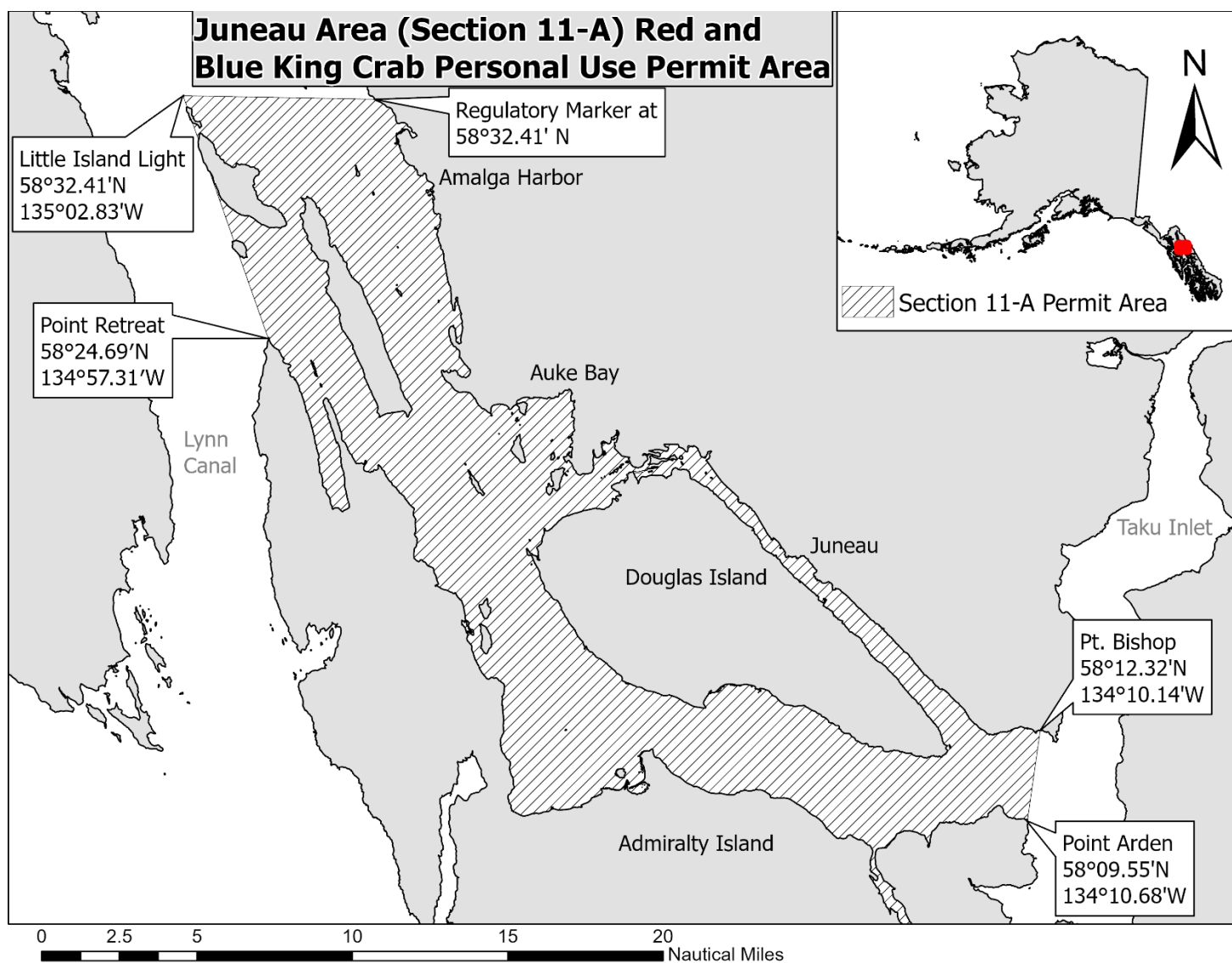


Figure 1.—Juneau (Section 11-A) permit area open for red and blue king crab personal use fishing. This map is intended for general reference only. Please refer to regulatory text for legal descriptions of management area boundaries.

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