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**2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER AND GOLDEN KING
CRAB FISHERY WEATHER DELAY FOR SEASON OPENING**

There will be a 24-hour delay of the season opening for the 2025/2026 Southeast Alaska commercial Tanner and golden king crab fishery. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologists have forecasted winds of 35 knots and higher and freezing spray for most of the region over the next 48 hours. The new start for the fishery will be at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. According to weather delay criteria in regulation [5 AAC 34.110(f)], if gale force wind warnings continue regionwide after the initial delay, the season opening for the fishery may be delayed an additional 24 hours, and may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis.

The department will continue to monitor weather forecasts in the event that further delays are required.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C4126 and 1C4226.

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

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