



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON**

The 2026/27 commercial Dungeness crab summer fishing season in Southeastern Alaska as described in 5 AAC 32.110(1) will close after 40 days of fishing at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, a three-week reduction in fishing time from the maximum allowed. In accordance with the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan [5 AAC 32.146], based on landings and effort data from the first full week of fishing (June 15–22), the department has projected that total season harvest will exceed 1.5 million lb but not exceed 2.25 million lb, with harvest expected to fall near the lower end of the range described in 5 AAC 32.146(2)(B). Season length for the 2026/27 commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season will be announced after a thorough review of all available fishery performance data.

A person may store Dungeness crab pots in waters closed to fishing for Dungeness crab for no more than seven days after the closure to fishing for Dungeness crab in Registration Area A if all pot doors are secured fully open and all bait and bait containers are removed [5 AAC 32.052(b)(1)(A)]. All gear must be removed from the water no later than 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 1, 2026.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C5426.

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

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