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# Advisory Announcement

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## 2027 Commercial Tanner Crab Fisheries in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has completed review of 2026 Tanner crab survey results for the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts. Commercial Tanner crab fisheries in these districts may occur when the estimated abundance of mature male Tanner crab meets or exceeds abundance thresholds and minimum guideline harvest levels (GHLs) established in regulation (5 AAC 35.507. *Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts* C. bairdi *Tanner crab harvest strategies*).

**Kodiak District:** Mature male abundance thresholds are established for six sections in the Kodiak District (5 AAC 35.507(c)(1) and (2)). In sections that meet or exceed abundance thresholds, surplus abundance must also be sufficient to provide for a minimum GHL of 100,000 pounds before a section may open to commercial fishing. Based on 2026 survey results, the Southeast, Southwest, Westside, and North Mainland Sections met the regulatory abundance thresholds, but surplus abundance was not sufficient to meet the 100,000-pound minimum GHL requirement in any of these sections; all other sections of the Kodiak District were below regulatory abundance thresholds. Therefore, **the Kodiak District will remain closed for the 2027 commercial Tanner crab season.**

**Chignik District:** A single mature male abundance threshold is established for the Chignik District (5 AAC 35.507(c)(1) and (2)). If the district meets or exceeds the abundance threshold, surplus abundance must also be sufficient to provide for a minimum GHL of 200,000 pounds before the district may open to commercial fishing. Based on 2026 survey results, the Chignik District met the regulatory abundance threshold, but surplus abundance was not sufficient to meet the 200,000-pound minimum GHL requirement; therefore, **the Chignik District will remain closed for the 2027 commercial Tanner crab season.**

**South Peninsula District:** Mature male abundance thresholds are established for two sections (Eastern and Western) in the South Peninsula District (5 AAC 35.507(c)(1) and (2)). In sections that meet or exceed abundance thresholds, surplus abundance must also be sufficient to provide for a minimum GHL of 200,000 pounds before a section may open to commercial fishing. Based on 2026 survey results, the Eastern Section met the regulatory abundance threshold, but surplus abundance was not sufficient to meet the 200,000-pound minimum GHL requirement; the Western Section was below the regulatory abundance threshold. Therefore, **the South Peninsula District will remain closed for the 2027 commercial Tanner crab season.**

For more information on Tanner crab harvest strategies or survey results, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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