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2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY GAMBIER BAY AREA EXTENSION

The commercial red and blue king crab fishery in the Gambier Bay management area **will remain open** for an additional 48 hours and **will close on November 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m**.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via fish tickets, logbooks, and port sampling information for the remaining open management areas: Eastern Frederick Sound, Icy Strait/Outer Coast, Lower Chatham Strait, Lynn Canal, North Stephens Passage, Northern 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 Gambier Bay management area no later than November 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C5926.

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