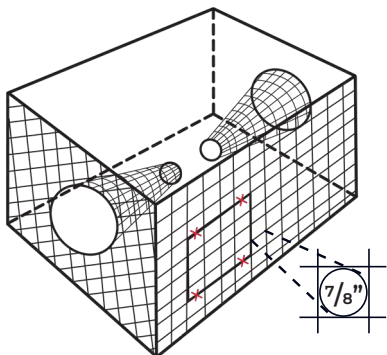


SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

POT REQUIREMENTS SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA

RIGID MESH POTS:

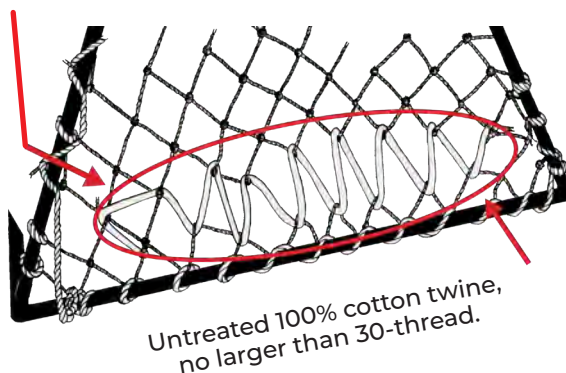
- See permit for specific pot requirements for each shellfish fishery.
- Pots must have at least one opening in a sidewall, which may include the tunnel.
- The opening of a king crab or Tanner crab pot must be equal to or exceed a 12 inch by 8 inch rectangle, and the opening of a shrimp pot must be at least the size of a 4 inch square.
- The opening may be covered with a single panel secured to pot with no more than four single loops of 100% untreated cotton twine no larger than 30-thread.
- Each loop may only contain one knot and cannot be tied or looped around the web bars.
- The panel must be attached so that when the twine degrades, the panel will drop away from the opening.
- The opening must be within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot and parallel to it.



NET MESH POTS:

- Pots must have a sidewall, which may include a tunnel, with an opening equal to or exceeding 18 inches in length for crab pots and 6 inches or greater in length for shrimp pots.
- The opening must be laced, sewn, or secured together by a single length of untreated 100% cotton twine no larger than 30-thread.
- The cotton twine may be knotted at each end only.
- The opening must be within 6 inches of the bottom of the pot and parallel to it. The cotton twine cannot be tied or looped around the web bars.

Opening at least 18" long (6" for shrimp pots) - no more than 6" from bottom of pot and parallel to it.



BUOY REQUIREMENTS: A keg or buoy attached to a pot must be plainly and legibly inscribed with the fisher's first initial, last name, home address, and the name or AK boat registration number of the vessel used to operate the pot. Adding your phone number is also recommended. In Cook Inlet (including North Gulf Coast) waters, no portion of the line attaching the buoy to the crab pot may float on the surface. The line connecting the main buoy to auxiliary buoys may float.

ESCAPEMENT MECHANISMS REQUIRED: All pots must have a biodegradable escape mechanism. In addition, crab pots must contain two escape rings no less than 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter.

LEGAL GEAR: Clams may be taken only with rakes, shovels, manually operated clam guns, or by hand. Crab may be taken only with pots, ring nets, diving gear, dip nets, hooked or hookless hand lines. Shrimp may be taken only with pots.

LICENSE: A valid sport fishing license, PID or DV card is required and must be in your possession when harvesting and/or transporting shellfish for sport or personal use.

LIMITS: Sport fishing bag and possession limits given here for shellfish are not in addition to those allowed under subsistence or personal use fishing regulations. Once a bag limit is removed from a pot, that pot may not be returned to the water containing any live crab.

MINIMUM SIZE: No person may take or possess shellfish smaller than the legal size.

MUTILATION OR DISFIGUREMENT PROHIBITED: No one may mutilate or otherwise disfigure a crab in any manner that prevents determination of its sex and/or minimum size restrictions until it has been processed or prepared for consumption. Only whole crab, cooked or uncooked, may be taken off a vessel.

PERMITS REQUIRED: A shellfish harvest permit is required and must be in your possession when taking shrimp in Prince William Sound and the North Gulf Coast areas, and crab in Cook Inlet, North Gulf Coast, and Prince William Sound areas.

SHELLFISH POT TAMPERING PROHIBITED: It is illegal to disturb, tamper with, or pull another angler's pots without prior permission of the pot's owner.

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA

COOK INLET & NORTH GULF COAST

TANNER CRAB

- **October 1-February 28:** Open to crabbing.
 - Male crabs only, 4½ inch minimum, 3 per day, 3 in possession.
 - May operate 1 pot or one ring net per vessel.
- A permit is required and is available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>
- **Only whole crab, cooked or uncooked, may be taken off a vessel.**
- See the permit for additional stipulations.
- See page 81 for gear and other requirements.
- See page 10 for charter vessel regulations.

There is an annual limit of 20 crabs per person.

Tanner crab permits must be reported online at <https://harvest.adfg.alaska.gov>.



COOK INLET & KACHEMAK BAY

DUNGENESS CRAB

- Closed to sport crabbing.

KING CRAB

- Closed to crabbing.

LITTLENECK AND BUTTER CLAMS

- Closed to all clamming.

SHRIMP

- Closed to shrimping.

RAZOR CLAMS

- Check for emergency orders online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/EONR prior to heading out to go clamming.
- East side Cook Inlet beaches from the mouth of the Kenai River south to the tip of the Homer Spit:
 - Closed to all clamming.
- Rest of Cook Inlet:
 - 10 gallons per day and 10 gallons in possession.
 - All razor clams dug must be retained.

OTHER SHELLFISH

- No limit.

Cook Inlet & Kachemak Bay continued...

CHINA POOT AND PETERSON BAY



 Areas closed to the harvest of all shellfish

CHINA POOT & PETERSON BAY (KACHEMAK BAY):

- Intertidal beaches between ADF&G markers along Shipwreck Cove and around Otter Rock:
 - Closed to the harvest of all shellfish.

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NORTH GULF COAST

SHRIMP - PERSONAL USE

- All North Gulf Coast waters, including Resurrection Bay (see map on page 70) are open to shrimping under a personal use permit.
- **ONLY OPEN TO ALASKA RESIDENTS.**
- **April 15-September 15:** Open to shrimping.
- **Permit:** A North Gulf Coast Personal Use shrimp permit is required and only allowed for Alaska residents. Permits are available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.
- **Gear:** Pots only. See page 81 for shrimp pot requirements.
 - **Please check emergency orders prior to shrimping as the number of pots allowed could change or contact the local ADF&G office for more info.**
 - Net mesh or rigid mesh pots are allowed.
- **Bag and Possession Limits:** None.
- **Harvest Reporting Requirement:**
 - Your permit must be in your possession while shrimping.
 - **Harvest report due by September 30**, even if you did not go shrimping.
 - Refer to the permit for recording requirements.

RAZOR CLAMS

- 10 gallons per day and 10 gallons in possession.
- All razor clams dug must be retained.

LITTLENECK AND BUTTER CLAMS

- **Closed to all clamming.**

DUNGENESS CRAB

- **Closed to sport crabbing.**

OTHER SHELLFISH

- No limit.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

DUNGENESS CRAB

- **Closed to sport crabbing.**

LITTLENECK AND BUTTER CLAMS

- No minimum size limit, no bag or possession limits.

OTHER SHELLFISH

- No limit.



SHRIMP

- **Please see the Prince William Sound shrimp permit for pot limit or contact the local ADF&G office for more info.**

May 1-July 31: Open to shrimping.

Permit:

- A Prince William Sound shrimp permit is required. Your permit must be in your possession while shrimping.
- **Permits are only available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.**

- **Open Waters:** All of Prince William Sound. See the map on page 74.

Gear:

- Pots only. See page 81.
- Net mesh or rigid mesh pots are allowed.
- **Only one spare pot** may be carried onboard a vessel participating in the noncommercial shrimp fishery.

- **Bag and Possession Limits:** None.

Harvest Reporting Requirement:

- Shrimp harvest must be recorded in gallons of whole shrimp.
- **Final harvest report due by September 1**, even if you did not go shrimping.
- You must report online at <https://harvest.adfg.alaska.gov>.
- Refer to the permit for recording requirements.

TANNER CRAB

- **October 1-March 31:** Open to crabbing.
- **Permit:** A permit is required. Permits are only available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.
- **Gear:** Pots only. See page 81 for pot requirements.
- **Bag and Possession Limits:**
 - **Tanner Crab:** 12 legal-sized (5 inches or greater in carapace width) male Tanner crab per day, 12 in possession.

RAZOR CLAMS

- There are no bag or possession limits.
- **In waters east of 146° W. longitude and south of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Bentinck (Hinchinbrook Island) to the southernmost tip of Point Whittshed:**
 - A permit is required and is available online at <https://store.adfg.alaska.gov>.
 - Only razor clams 4½ inches or longer may be taken.

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Please report lost pots or gear to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

Valdez AWT (907) 835-4307

Cordova AWT (907) 424-3184

Whittier AWT (907) 352-5401

SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

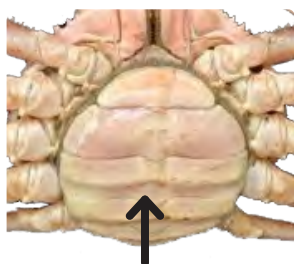
CRAB ID AND MEASUREMENTS

TANNER CRAB

Minimum size 4½ inches

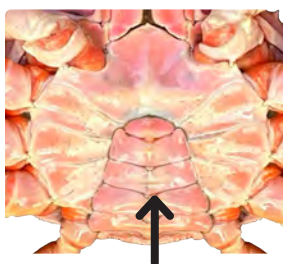
FEMALE

NO HARVEST ALLOWED

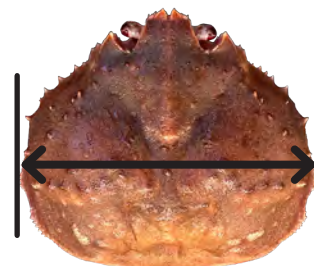


A wide uneven abdominal flap covers most of the underside, with females typically smaller than 5½ inches

MALE



A narrow triangular abdominal flap covers the underside



+4.5 inches

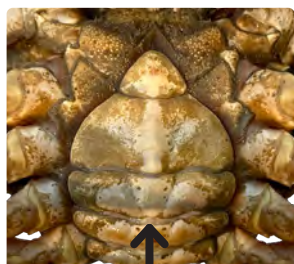
The width of a Tanner crab is measured as the straight-line distance across the carapace, **including** the spines

DUNGENESS CRAB

All of Southcentral Alaska is closed to crabbing for Dungeness crab.

FEMALE

NO HARVEST ALLOWED



A wide uneven abdominal flap covers most of the underside

MALE



A narrow triangular abdominal flap covers the underside



The width of a Dungeness crab is measured as the straight-line distance across the carapace, **excluding** the spines

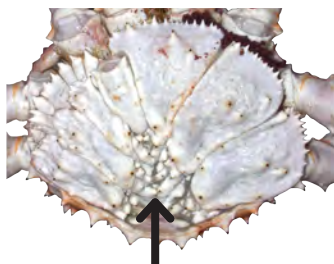
GOLDEN KING CRAB

Prince William Sound is only open to golden king crab (subsistence) - minimum size 7 inches

The rest of Southcentral Alaska is closed to crabbing for all species of king crab.

FEMALE

NO HARVEST ALLOWED



A wide uneven abdominal flap covers most of the underside

MALE



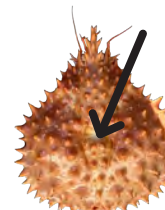
A narrow triangular abdominal flap covers the underside

6 prominent spines on mid-dorsal plate



RED KING CRAB

5 to 9 spines on mid-dorsal plate



GOLDEN KING CRAB

4 prominent spines on mid-dorsal plate



BLUE KING CRAB