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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Prince William Sound Area Tanner Crab Commissioner's Permit Fishery Season Opening Delayed #1**

The National Weather Service 48-hour marine weather forecast for Area PKZ125 (Prince William Sound) issued at 4:00 a.m. Saturday, February 29 contained a gale warning. Therefore, the Prince William Sound Commissioner's Permit Fishery season opening will be delayed for 24 hours and will open Monday, March 2 at 12:01 a.m. If the 48-hour marine weather forecast for Area PKZ125 issued at 4:00 a.m. Sunday, March 1 also contains a gale warning, the fishery opening will again be delayed for 24 hours. If delayed, the 4:00 a.m. NWS marine weather forecast for PWS will be checked each subsequent day until no gale warning is issued for the upcoming 48-hour period, or until 12:01 March 4, when the season will open regardless of the forecast.

Any further action to delay the fishery or information on start date will be announced in a subsequent ADF&G advisory announcement by 8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 1. In addition, information will be updated on the call-in line: 907-226-2121.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Jan Rumble at (907) 321-1569.

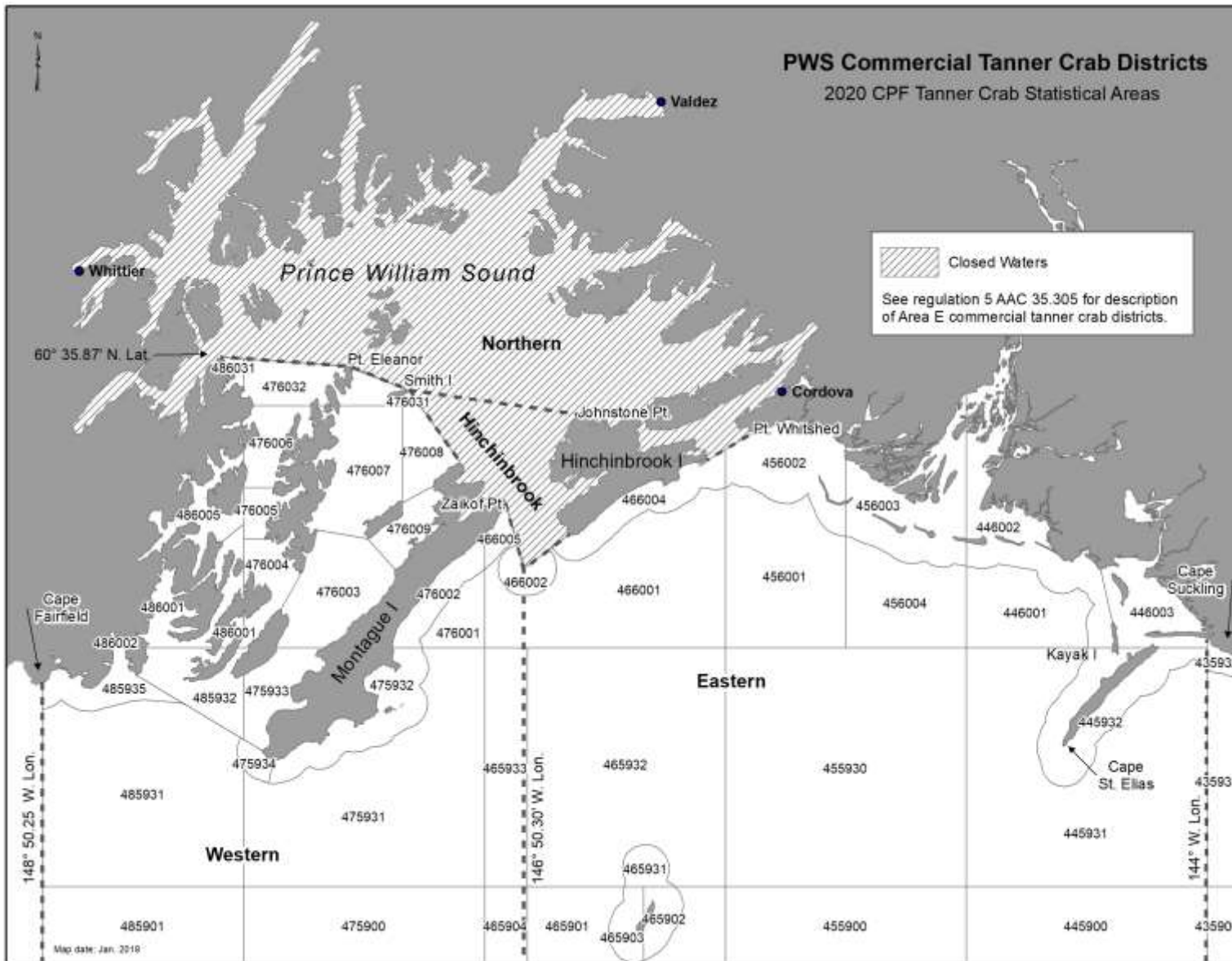


Figure 1.—Prince William Sound Area commercial Tanner crab districts; Commissioner’s Permit fishery open in Eastern and Western districts.