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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area Tanner Crab Commissioner's Permit Fishery Statistical Area 486005 Closes Emergency Order 2-SF-E-03-20

A Commissioner's Permit fishery for Tanner crab in the Eastern and Western Districts of Prince William Sound Area (PWS; 5 AAC 35.311) was opened on March 2. Catch per unit effort (CPUE) information from mandatory call-in reports indicates a significant decrease in CPUE from statistical area 486005 (statistical area that includes Icy Bay) through the first ten days of the season. Therefore, **statistical area 486005 will close on Friday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.**

Other statistical areas will remain open but fishermen should monitor announcements closely for future closures.

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