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2019/2020 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY SOUTHERN AREA CLOSURE DATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the Southern management area will close at 12:00 noon, **March 27, 2020**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest is expected to reach the 21,000-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Southern Area by the closure date. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they cease fishing.

This action will bring the 2019/2020 golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A to a close. A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for seven days following the closure of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(1)]. All gear must be removed from the Southern Area no later than 12:00 noon, April 3, 2020. Gear storage extensions due to extreme weather conditions or a major vessel breakdown may be obtained by contacting department shellfish staff [5 AAC 34.052(b)] **before** 12:00 noon, April 3, 2020.

All commercial golden king crab must be landed within 24 hours of a closure. Permit holders unable to meet this deadline must contact department shellfish staff **within the 24 hours following** the closure to request authorization to possess golden king crab for an extended period [5 AAC 34.031(e)(2)].

Contact numbers for requesting extended holding and gear storage extensions are as follows:

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The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1020.

Advisory announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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