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Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab Season Dates Announced

The 2020/21 Aleutian Islands golden king crab Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ), Community Development Quota (CDQ), and Adak Community Allocation (ACA) fisheries will open on August 1, 2020 at 12:00 noon and close on April 30, 2021. Vessel registration will begin at 12:00 noon in Dutch Harbor on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Total allowable catch for the 2020/21 Aleutian Islands golden king crab fisheries was announced in a previous Advisory Announcement issued June 16, 2020.

A valid United States Coast Guard (USCG) Commercial Fisheries Vessel Safety Decal is required before a vessel registration is issued. Vessels must also have an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS) approved by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The vessel operator must notify the USCG at least 24 hours prior to departing port when carrying crab pot gear. USCG can be contacted in Dutch Harbor at: (907) 581-3466 ext. 1 or (907) 359-1575 (after hours).

At the time of vessel registration, all pots onboard the vessel or in wet storage must comply with current Aleutian Islands commercial golden king crab fishing regulations. Vessel operators may register gear operation cooperatives with other registered vessels. A vessel operator may transport crab pot gear to the fishing grounds for another vessel operator; however, the registered vessel operator of the crab pot gear has seven days to be active in the registration area where the gear is deployed. A vessel operator may make a one-time transfer of all pot gear to another vessel operator at the completion of fishing operations.

For further details contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

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