



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON

The 2022/2023 commercial Dungeness crab summer fishing season in Southeastern Alaska as described in 5 AAC 32.110(1) will be reduced in duration. In accordance with the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan [5 AAC 32.146], the department has projected total season harvest based on landings and effort data from the first full week of fishing. The projection indicates that total season harvest will not exceed 2.25 million pounds but will fall near the upper end of the range described in 5 AAC 32.146(2)(B). The commercial Dungeness crab summer fishing season in Southeastern Alaska will **close after 45 days of fishing at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, July 30, 2022**, a roughly two-week reduction in fishing time from the maximum allowed. Season length for the 2022/2023 commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season will be announced after a thorough review of all available fishery performance data.

A person may store Dungeness crab pots in waters closed to fishing for Dungeness crab for no more than seven days after the closure to fishing for Dungeness crab in Registration Area A if all pot doors are secured fully open and all bait and bait containers are removed [5 AAC 32.052(b)(1)(A)]. All gear must be removed from the water no later than 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 2022.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1922.

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