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2025 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB AND GOLDEN KING CRAB SEASON START DATE AND REGISTRATION

The 2025 commercial Tanner and golden king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska will open by regulation at **12:00 noon on Monday, February 17, 2025**. The season start date for the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries is based on the date with the smallest Juneau tidal range between February 10 and February 17 [5 AAC 35.110(a) and 5 AAC 34.110(b)]. Due to the conflict with the Board of Fisheries meeting, the department reached out to SEAFA, PVOA, and the KTTF chair to discuss dates that would allow stakeholders to participate in the meeting. February 17 was determined to be the most accommodating date for stakeholders. Permit holders are reminded that any delay to the start of the Tanner and golden king crab fisheries due to weather will be announced 24 hours before the start of the fisheries [5 AAC 35.110(b) and 5 AAC 34.110(f)].

The registration deadline for both fisheries is **Tuesday, January 21, 2025**. Permit holders who register after that date will be required to pay a \$45.00 late fee [Sec 16.05.065]. Buoy tags are mandatory for all commercial Tanner and golden king crab gear and are available by appointment from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at Alaska Department of Fish and Game area offices in Southeast Alaska for \$1.25 each. Registration packets and buoy tags will be available starting **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**.

Permit holders are recommended to verify that their Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit card and vessel license are valid for the **2025** season prior to registering for the fishery. Questions about specific area office registration procedures or buoy tag sales should be directed to your local area office at the following phone numbers or emails listed below:

Petersburg: Main Office: (907) 772-3801

Tessa Bergmann: (907) 772-5236, <u>tessa.bergmann@alaska.gov</u> Joe Stratman: (907) 772-5238, <u>joseph.stratman@alaska.gov</u>

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Additional information regarding the 2025 Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries will be announced in subsequent advisory announcements.

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

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