



Advisory Announcement
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**2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB CORE AREA
CLOSURE UPDATE**

Due to severe weather impacting the Southeast Alaska commercial Tanner crab fishery, the department has extended the core area closure time from **February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, to **February 24, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.** No changes will be made for the noncore, inside exploratory, or outside exploratory closures.

In-water gear storage is allowed for five days following the season closure for Tanner crab in any portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 35.127] and seven days following the season closure for Tanner crab in Registration Area A.

For assistance during the first two weekends of the Tanner crab fishery please contact shellfish staff in Petersburg or Douglas at the following phone numbers:

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