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2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY
ICY STRAIT AREA CLOSURE

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the Icy Strait Management Area will close at **12:00 noon, Thursday, February 26, 2026**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest is expected to reach the 22,500-pound guideline harvest level for the Icy Strait Management Area by the closure. Permit holders are reminded that daily call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance with fish tickets, logbooks, and port sampling information for the remaining open management areas: East Central, Mid-Chatham Strait, Upper Northern, Lower Northern, Lower Chatham Strait, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary; the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days following the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the Icy Strait Management Area no later than 12:00 noon, March 3, 2026.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C4526.

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

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