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Bering Sea Snow Crab Fishery Partial Extension of Eastern Sub District

According to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), waters of the Eastern Sub District of the Bering Sea snow crab fishery between 171 degrees west longitude and 173 degrees west longitude will remain open by emergency order through May 31, 2012. Waters of the Eastern Sub District east of 171 degrees west longitude will close by regulation at midnight May 15, 2012. Waters of the West Sub District will remain open by regulation through May 31, 2012. The 24-hour delivery requirement for snow crab taken in the portion of the Eastern Sub District closing on May 15th is waived.

Record sea ice coverage significantly reduced available fishing grounds throughout a large portion of the snow crab season. As a result, nearly 25 percent of the snow crab total allowable catch has not been harvested.

ADF&G will provide additional updates for the snow crab fishery via news releases later in May.

For further information, contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239 or in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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