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ADF&G Announces Area K, L and M Commercial Tanner Crab GHGs for 2013



The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) announced today that the South Peninsula (Eastern Section) commercial Tanner crab fisheries will open in 2013 with a total guideline harvest level (GHL) of 230,000 pounds. The Kodiak District will open with a total GHL of 660,000 pounds. The Chignik District commercial Tanner crab fishery will remain closed in 2013 because it was below the minimum GHL threshold of 200,000 pounds. Districts and sections assigned GHGs are scheduled to open to commercial Tanner crab fishing at noon on January 15, 2013, unless delayed by weather.

The 2013 South Peninsula District Tanner crab GHL is below 2 million pounds so the regulatory pot limit is 30 pots per vessel. Results of the 2012 ADF&G trawl survey indicate the majority of legal crab in the Western Section are post recruit (old shell) crab. The numbers resulted in a regulatory GHL below the required 200,000 pounds necessary to open a commercial fishery, so the Western Section will remain closed in 2013.

<u>District/Section</u>	<u>GHL (pounds)</u>
South Peninsula District	
Eastern Section	230,000
Western Section	Closed

Total South Peninsula District	230,000
Chignik District	Closed
Kodiak District	
Northeast Section	Closed
Eastside Section	520,000
Southeast Section	140,000
Southwest Section	Closed
Westside Section	Closed
North Mainland Section	Closed
South Mainland Section	Closed
Semidi Island Overlap Section	Closed
Total Kodiak District	660,000

For more information and maps of the Districts, click on the link below:

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