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## **South Alaska Peninsula Tanner Crab Preseason Teleconference**

Sponsored by ADFG Kodiak, Nathaniel Nichols, groundfish & shellfish fishery manager

An opportunity to ask any questions about the upcoming Tanner season.

Wednesday January 12, 2022 1PM  
Teleconference 1-800-315-6338 Code 33470

Tanner crab preseason teleconference tentative agenda:

- Brief overview of the South Pen Tanner crab fishery,
- Tanner crab fishery registration requirements
- Daily reporting, etc.
- Take questions from participants.

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## **Aleutians East Borough Winter Fisheries Zoom Meeting; Also Broadcast on KSDP**

The Natural Resources Department held the annual end-of-the-year meeting with fishery management and enforcement agencies on December 29, 2021 via Zoom, also broadcast live on KSDP radio in South Alaska Peninsula communities. Audio from the meeting archived [here](#). The following presenters delivered critical fisheries information for the 2022 winter groundfish fisheries.

- Krista Milani, NMFS Dutch Harbor
- Cassie Whiteside, ADFG Kodiak
- Asia Beder, ADFG Unalaska
- Glenn Campbell, NMFS Observer Program

- Luke Szymanski, AIS Observers
- Josh Keaton, NMFS Sustainable Fisheries
- Abby Snedeker, Saltwater, Inc
- Nick Kroeger, Saltwater, Inc
- Dave Schaffer, USCG Vessel Safety Program

Brent Pristas of NFMS Office of Law Enforcement moderated the annual meeting.

Information from the meeting is summarized below.

### **Federal Fisheries**

2022 Western Gulf of Alaska A season Pacific Cod total allowable catch (TAC) allocations:

- A season jig – 146 metric tons (mt)
- Hook and line (HAL) catcher vessel (CV) – 47 mt (closed to directed fishing)
- HAL catcher processor (CP) – 732 mt
- Trawl CV – 2118 mt (will be managed in-season, may open with predetermined closure date)
- Trawl CP – 60 mt (closed to directed fishing)
- Pot – 1330 mt
  - Crab side-boarded pot – 442 mt

2022 A season 610 pollock – 1132 mt in A season - closed to directed fishing. The full 1132 mt can roll into the B season. GOA pollock fisheries are now just two seasons. (A season Jan 20 – June 10, B season Sept 1 – Nov 1)

2022 BSAI Pacific Cod A Season TAC allocations:

- CV trawl – 21,944 mt (A season 1/20 -4/1)
- Jig – 1127 mt (likely reallocation of 1000 mt to under 60)
- Under 60 pot/HAL – 2,671
- Over 60 pot/HAL – 5720 mt

Vessels that possess an FFP must have a matching LLP endorsement to participate in the parallel fishery in the BSAI and GOA.

Regulation requires full retention of rockfish in all federal groundfish fisheries in the BSAI and GOA using pot, hook & line or jig gear. A certain amount is eligible for commerce, or for donation or personal use. State-managed fisheries are not included in this regulation.

### **State GOA Tanner Crab Fisheries**

The 2022 guideline harvest level (GHL) for Tanner crab in the South Peninsula District: Eastern Section is 200,000 lbs., Western Section is 300,000 lbs. The GHL for the Chignik District is 200,000 lbs. To participate in the Tanner crab fishery, you must have a T09M permit card for the South Peninsula District or a T09L permit card for the Chignik

District. The season opens noon January 15, 2022 unless a gale is in the daily weather forecast then the opening is delayed 24 hours. The opening may be delayed by an additional 24 hours due to gale for up to 10 more days, but will open January 25<sup>th</sup> regardless of forecast.

Buoy tags are \$1.50 each and available from processors in King Cove and Sand Point and at the City Office in Chignik Bay, or mailed directly from ADFG in Kodiak (note: mail times can be slow) Fishermen should preregister the vessel for the tanner crab fishery when purchasing buoy tags. Registrations will be validated 24 hours before the season opening. Registration materials include a daily reporting worksheet with a map on back. Fishermen should record: the area fished, the number of pots lifted and the number of crabs retained each day. Receiving accurate catch and onboard numbers during the daily call out helps management provide closure announcements with as much advance notice as possible. ADFG can accept daily catch reports by phone, email, text or dispatch: phone 907-486-1840, text 907-512-5841, dispatch 7894. [2022 South Peninsula, Chignik & Kodiak Tanner Crab Fishery announcement.](#)

### **State Groundfish Fisheries**

The 2022 South Peninsula Pacific cod GHL for pot gear is 5.59 million lbs., jig gear 986,000 lbs. The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear season will open at noon March 7, 2022 or seven days after closure of the Western Gulf of Alaska (WGOA) federal/parallel Pacific cod pot gear sector A season, whichever is later. The season opening date for pot gear may be delayed due to weather. The jig gear season will open 48 hours after the WGOA federal/parallel jig gear sector A season closes. Fishermen are requested to hold off on registering vessels for the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery until the end of January at the earliest. Buoy tags will not be available from processors until the after the Tanner crab season is over. [2022 State-waters South Peninsula Pacific cod GHL announcement.](#)

The 2022 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict (DHS) state-waters Pacific cod season GHL for pot gear is 37,196,000 lbs. and 100,000 lbs. for jig gear. The DHS season for pot gear will open 7 days after closure of the initial federal Pacific cod season for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands hook-and-line and pot catcher vessel less than 60 feet sector. The DHS state-waters Pacific cod season for jig gear will open at midnight May 1, 2021. Vessels 58 feet or less using pot gear or mechanical jigging machines may participate in DHS state-waters Pacific cod fishery. There is a 60 pot limit for this fishery. [2022 State-waters Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pcod GHL announcement.](#)

The Aleutian Islands Subdistrict (AIS) state-waters Pacific cod fishery 2021 GHL is 15,000,000 pounds. The GHL is for pot, jig, longline and trawl combined. The AIS state-waters Pacific cod season opens January 1 in the Adak Section to vessels 60 feet or less. [2022 State-waters Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pcod GHL announcement.](#)

This will be a Board of Fish year for Aleutians East fisheries.

- Statewide Shellfish meeting                      March 11-18, 2022
- Board of Fish Proposals due                      April 11, 2022
- Agenda Change Requests due                      August 26, 2022
- Work Session    October 25-26, 2022
- Alaska Peninsula, BSAI, Chignik PCod              October 27-28, 2022

- Alaska Peninsula, Chignik Salmon February 13-17, 2023

### **Observer Program**

#### ODDS Selection Rates for 2022

- Hook gear (longline or jig) 19.02%
- Pot Gear (all types) 17.48%
- Trawl Gear 29.65%
- EM hook and line 30%
- EM Pot Gear 30%

There has been some confusion regarding logging certain gear types in ODDS. If during the trip you will be using pot gear and that pot gear is strung together, this is still pot gear - not hook and line gear.

- Longline or Hook & Line Gear - Declare this gear type if using hooks of any kind
- Pot Gear - Declare this gear type if using pots of any kind (even if strung together)

ODDs trips *do not* carry over from 2021 to 2022

The AIS call center (855) 747-6377 has an alternate number (206) 673-3338.

In respect to groundfish observers and ODDs, False Pass is a port, even if at times of no processing. False Pass is considered a port when ending a trip and starting a new trip. If there are difficulties of dropping off or picking up observers there, please work with AIS.

#### **EM trawl exempted fishery permit (EFP)**

Thanks to the participants in the program, the Trawl EM EFP has been a success. After a few hiccups in the first year, there's been great progress in the second year particularly in eLogbooks. EM techs are up and ready. Your vessel monitoring plan (VMP) is your user manual. Reminder: the TEM modifier needs to be recorded on the fish ticket. Pacific sleeper sharks and salmon sharks may be discarded, must be recorded in the logbook. Use the length/weight table and record the shark weight in the logbook – for WGOA vessels using eLog, remember you only need to input length and eLog will calculate weight for you. Avoid handling salmon and remember ALL salmon must be retained. A primary goal of the project is to increase salmon bycatch accountability.

For questions regarding the EM program or the EFP, contact Josh Keaton, NMFS at 907-586-7519 or Charlotte Levy, AEB at 907-274-7566.

Saltwater Tech Nick Kroger plans to be in communities by the second week of January. His direct line 907-360-4995. For all other support including eLogs and VMPs [emaksupport@saltwaterinc.com](mailto:emaksupport@saltwaterinc.com).

#### **Coast Guard Dockside Exams** submitted by Dave Schaeffer, USCG Sector Anchorage,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate on the conference call. As I mentioned on the call, many vessels that require a dockside exam may not have had the opportunity since our October trip to King Cove was cancelled. We do plan to have teams in Sand Point, King Cove, and Port Moller June 1 through June 7, 2022 to conduct dockside exams for the salmon fleet. We will try to make accommodations to travel to Chignik and False Pass for a day during that same period if needed.

For the vessels in the winter fishery, especially those required to carry a NOAA observer, we will do our best to travel to King Cove or Sand Point this winter if we can get advanced notice. The only other option would be for vessels to travel to Dutch Harbor to have dockside exams completed by our MSD Dutch Harbor crew.

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### **IPHC**

The Annual IPHC meeting will be held January 24-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Go to [www.iphc.int](http://www.iphc.int) for more info. There will be IPHC port samplers for 2022 in Dutch Harbor, Homer, Juneau, Kodiak, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka and St. Paul.

Pot gear fishing of sablefish or halibut requires use of NMFS logbook, including vessels less than 60 ft LOA. Pot tags are no longer required for GOA Sablefish IFQ fished with pot gear.

#### **Last notes**

Fishermen are advised to 'fire up' VMS equipment well in advance of fishing and call the OLE office to check that they are receiving a position: Call 907-486-3298 for VMS and other enforcement questions.

There is a change to the elandings software, in response to the increased use of slinky (collapsible) pots. Pot gear fishermen for cod or sablefish IFQ must select slinky or hard pots in a new required field.

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