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**2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB FISHERY
LOWER NORTHERN AREA CLOSURE**

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the Lower Northern Management Area will close at **12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 7, 2026**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, harvest is expected to reach 13,200-pound guideline harvest level for the Lower Northern Management Area by the closure. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders should 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: Lower Chatham Strait and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary, and 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 Lower Northern Management Area no later than 12:00 noon, April 12, 2026.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C4926.

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

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