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2012 South Peninsula District Tanner Crab Season Final Registration Requirements

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), South Peninsula District Tanner crab vessel tank inspection will not be required prior to the start of the 2012 South Peninsula District Tanner crab fishery. However, **all vessel operators must validate their Tanner crab vessel registration** with ADF&G prior to participating in the fishery. Vessel operators may validate registrations no earlier than 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 14, 2012 unless final registration and the season opening have been delayed due to weather.



Vessel operators may validate registrations with ADF&G staff at the harbormaster offices in Sand Point and King Cove or from other locations by fax to the ADF&G office in Kodiak beginning 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 14, 2012 unless delayed by weather. The Kodiak ADF&G fax number is (907) 486-1824.

For additional information, please contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

2012 South Peninsula and Chignik Districts Tanner Crab Season Weather Delay Reminder

In March of 2011, the Alaska Board of Fisheries established regulations that could delay the start of the South Peninsula and Chignik tanner crab seasons based on inclement marine weather.

ADF&G will issue a news release on the morning of January 14th to inform the fleet on the status of the Tanner crab seasons.

South Peninsula District:

The South Peninsula District tank inspection and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours if the January 14, 4:00 a.m. National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night in Area 155 (coastal waters south of the Alaska Peninsula, from Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) contains **gale force wind warnings** (35 knots or higher). If after the initial weather delay, the 4:00 a.m. National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night again contains **gale force wind warnings**, the tank inspection and season opening delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis until 12:00 noon on January 25, when the season will open regardless of the National Weather Service Marine weather forecast.

Chignik District:

The Chignik District tank inspection and season opening will be delayed for 24 hours if the January 14, 4:00 a.m. National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night in Area 155 (coastal waters south of the Alaska Peninsula, from Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) contains a **small craft advisory**. If after the initial weather delay, the 4:00 a.m. National Weather Service marine forecast for the current day and night plus the following day and night again contains a **small craft advisory** the tank inspection and season opening will be delayed an additional 24 hours. Tank inspections and season opening delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis until 12:00 noon on January 25, when the season will open regardless of the National Weather Service marine weather forecast.

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