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BERING SEA TANNER CRAB SEASON

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of NMFS trawl survey data for the eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock. The 2011 area-swept survey estimate of mature female Tanner crab biomass in the Bering Sea District is 13.4-million pounds and is below the harvest strategy threshold for mature female biomass of 21.9-million pounds; therefore the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery will not open during the 2011/2012 fishing season.

Fishermen are reminded that incidentally taken **Tanner crab may not be retained** during either the Bristol Bay red king crab or Bering Sea snow crab fisheries.

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