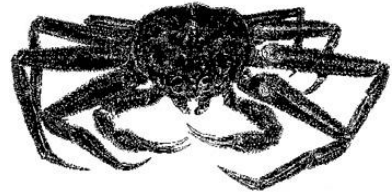


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BERING SEA DISTRICT TANNER CRAB SEASON

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 2010 area-swept survey estimate of mature female biomass in the Bering Sea District is 15.1-million pounds and is below the minimum mature female biomass threshold of 21.0-million pounds; therefore the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery will not open during the 2010/2011 fishing season.

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

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