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2025/26 Saint Matthew Island Section Blue King Crab Season Closed

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have completed analysis of 2025 NMFS trawl survey results for the Saint Matthew Island blue king crab stock. The 2025 raw survey and model-based estimates of mature male abundance remain below the state harvest strategy threshold for a fishery opening. Therefore, the Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab fishery will remain closed for the 2025/26 season.

Additional information will be available during the annual ADF&G/Crab Industry meeting. Meeting details will be announced shortly.

For questions regarding federal Crab Rationalization Program regulations, contact NOAA Fisheries Sustainable Fisheries Division at (907) 586-7228 or the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement in Kodiak at (907) 486-3298 or Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-2061.

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