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2023/24 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 2023 NMFS trawl survey results for Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab. The stock is estimated below the federal minimum stock size threshold and, consequently, has been declared overfished. In addition, estimates for 2023 mature male abundance remain below the state harvest strategy threshold for a fishery opening. Therefore, Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab will remain closed for the 2023/24 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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