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## **Advisory Announcement**

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**Prince William Sound Area**  
**Commercial Tanner Crab Fishery**  
**Northeastern District**  
**Season Opening and Fishing Hours**  
**2-SF-E-02-22**

The National Weather Service 48-hour marine weather forecast for Area PKZ125 (Prince William Sound) issued at 4:00 a.m. February 28 did not contain a gale warning. Therefore, the Prince William Sound Area (PWS) commercial Tanner crab season in the Northeastern District (Figure 1) will open March 1 at 12:01 a.m.

Fishing hours during the PWS season are extended by emergency order to 24 hours each day; there are no time restrictions for deploying or retrieving commercial Tanner crab pot gear.

Fishery registrants are reminded there is a mandatory call-in report required each day by 3 p.m. while participating in the PWS Tanner crab fishery at 907-226-2121.

For additional information, contact Jan Rumble at (907) 321-1569 or Elisa Russ at (907) 399-1721.

### ***COVID-19***

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishers should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

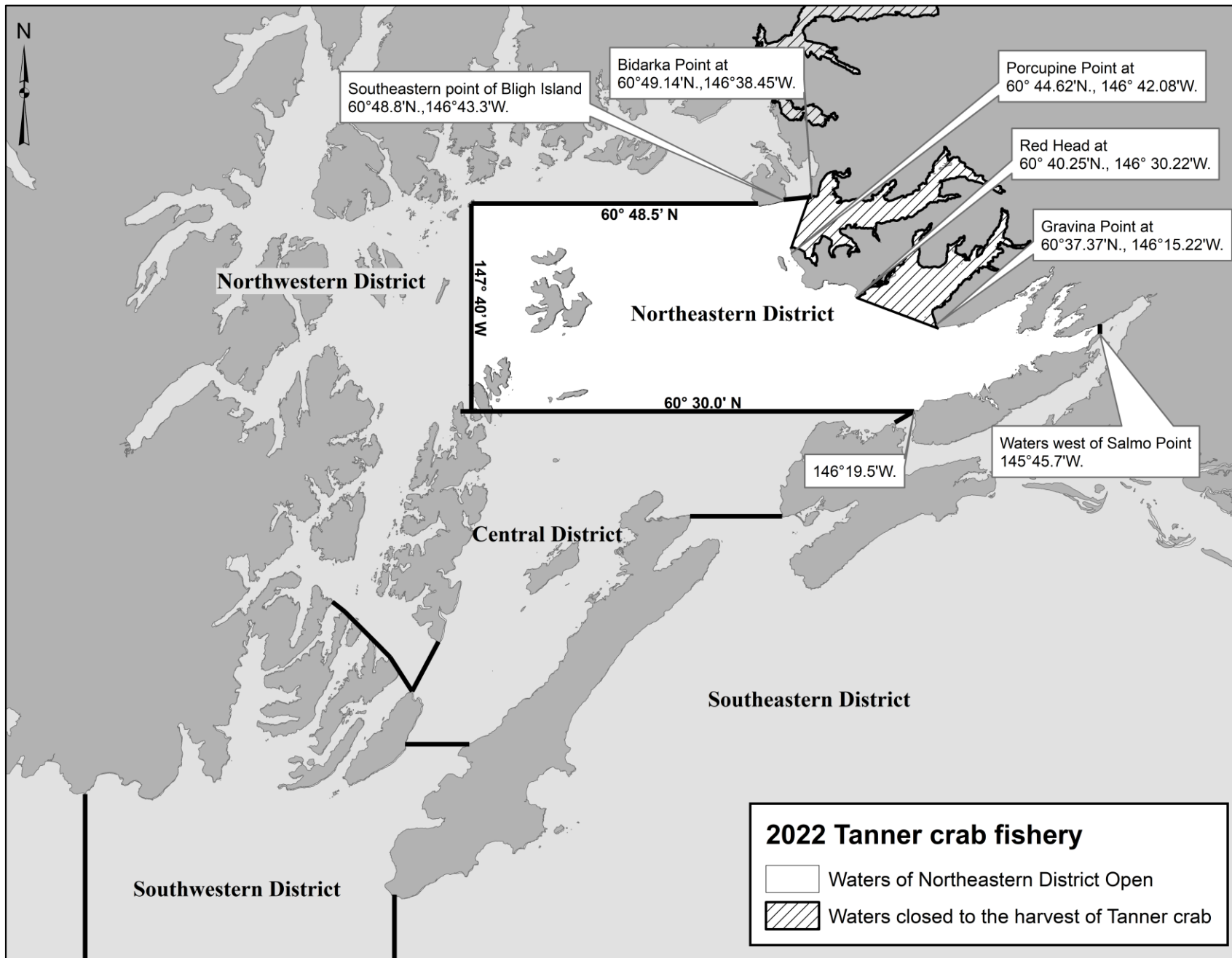


Figure 1.—Prince William Sound Area Northeastern District will open to commercial Tanner crab fishing on March 1.