

Substitute Language Proposal **Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of Board Member Jensen**

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**Substitute language for Proposal 362**

**5 AAC 35.525. Lawful gear for Registration Area J.**

(b) The following Tanner crab pot requirements are in effect in Registration Area J:

(1) **to permit the escapement of undersize *C. bairdi* Tanner crab,** pots used to take **C.** [*CHIONOECETES*] *bairdi* Tanner crab must have at least one-third of one vertical surface of the pot composed of not less than **six and one-half** [7¼] inch stretched mesh webbing or have no less than four circular escape rings of no less than **four and one-half** [FIVE] inches inside diameter installed **in a manner** on the vertical **surface of the pot so that the bottom of a ring is no higher on the vertical surface than the first full mesh from the bottom of the pot** [PLANE TO PERMIT ESCAPEMENT OF UNDERSIZE C. BAIRDI TANNER CRAB]; and

(2) **to permit the escapement of undersize *C. opilio* Tanner crab,** pots used to take **C.** [*CHIONOECETES*] *opilio* Tanner crab must have at least eight escape rings with an inside diameter measure of no less than four inches **installed in a manner on the vertical surface of the pot so that the bottom of a ring is no higher on the vertical surface than the first full mesh from the bottom of the pot** [PLACED WITHIN ONE MESH MEASUREMENT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE POT], with four escape rings on each of two sides of a four-sided pot, or if the pot has no escape rings as specified in this paragraph, one-half of one side of a four-sided pot must have a side panel composed of not less than five and one-quarter inch stretched mesh webbing [TO PERMIT ESCAPEMENT OF UNDERSIZE C. OPILIO TANNER CRAB].