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5 AAC 35.3XX Prince William Sound Tanner Crab Management Plan.

When the department determines an abundance that would allow a commercial harvest, the department may open a commercial fishing under the following guidelines.

Threshold would be determined based on survey abundance estimates.

Harvest level would be determined based on survey abundance estimates.

Season dates of January 15 to March 31.

A gear limit of no more than 40 pots per vessel.

4 districts are already defined in regulation (5 AAC 35.305).

Area registration is already defined in regulation as super exclusive (5 AAC 35.306 (a)).

A registration deadline of 15 days before the start of the season.

A size limit of 5.3 inches is already in regulation (5 AAC 35.320).

If the board elected to adopt this, final language would need to be developed in cooperation with the department.