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The purpose of this submission to the Alaska Board of Fisheries is to provide draft substitute language for Proposal #336. The substitute language provided herein seeks to change the criteria for opening both the subsistence and personal use fisheries for Tanner crab in the Cook Inlet area and provide amended regulations for these fisheries.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game may open either or both the subsistence and personal use fisheries for Tanner crab in the Cook Inlet area when preseason assessment methodology indicates that population levels of male Tanner crab with shell width greater than or equal to 5.5 are estimated to be 50,000 crab or greater.

**5 AAC 02.325 Subsistence Tanner crab fishery.**

**Season: August 15 – November 15 and January 15 – March 15**

**Bag and Possession limit: Department may allow a daily bag and possession limit of 2 to 5 legal Tanner crab. Only male Tanner crab with shell width greater than or equal to 5.5 inches may be taken.**

**Pot restrictions: Only two pots may be fished by an individual or from one boat and pot size is limited to no more than 48 cubic feet.**

**5 AAC 77.516 Personal Use Tanner crab fishery.**

**Season: August 15 – November 15 and January 15 – March 15**

**Bag and Possession limit: Department may allow a daily bag and possession limit of 2 to 5 legal Tanner crab. Only male Tanner crab with shell width greater than or equal to 5.5 inches may be taken.**

**Pot restrictions: Only two pots may be fished by an individual (or from one boat) and pot size is limited to no more than 48 cubic feet.**

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