

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Resolution

See also
#80-67-FB

REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF TANNER CRAB IN THE BERING SEA

WHEREAS the best scientific information available has defined the C. Bairdi stock of tanner crab in the Bering Sea as being primarily south of 58° North latitude and east of 173° West longitude; and

WHEREAS the best scientific information available has established that the total allowable catch of C. Bairdi tanner crab is within the harvesting and processing capability of the United States fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS there exists a conflict of gear between foreign and domestic fisheries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Board of Fisheries that no foreign harvest of tanner crab be allowed south of 58° North latitude and east of 173° West longitude.

WHEREAS the minimum legal carapace width of 140 mm for C. Bairdi tanner crab in the Bering Sea has been established by the Alaska Board of Fisheries as necessary for the conservation and continued productivity of the C. Bairdi tanner crab in Alaska; and

WHEREAS there is some evidence of a declining population in the Bering Sea tanner crab stock; and

WHEREAS P. L. 94-265 states that a stock of fish be managed as a unit throughout its range and that conservation and management measures shall not discriminate between residents of different states;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Board of Fisheries that any foreign fishery of C. Bairdi tanner crab be restricted to male crab greater than 140 mm of carapace width.



Gordon Jensen, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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