

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
REGARDING TUNNEL EYE OPENINGS AND
ESCAPE MECHANISMS FOR GROUND FISH POTS

(Previously FINDING #93-02-FB)

In accordance with AS 16.05.270, the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegates to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game the authority to adopt and make permanent changes to the following regulations.

(1) 5 AAC 39.145 ESCAPE MECHANISM FOR SHELLFISH AND BOTTOMFISH POTS. Adopt changes to provide the option to use "Galvanic Timed Release" (GTR) devices for groundfish pots consistent with the provisions for King and Tanner crab pots the board adopted at the February 2-9, 1993 meeting in Anchorage at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

(2) 5 AAC 28.050 GEAR FOR GROUND FISH. Adopt changes to the definition of the tunnel eye opening consistent with those changes to the King crab [5 AAC 34.050(f)] and Tanner crab [5 AAC 35.050(e)] adopted at the February 2-9, 1993 meeting in Anchorage at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

Groundfish proposals are not scheduled for consideration at any of the remaining meetings during the spring 1993 board cycle. The board finds it necessary to address the groundfish pots by delegation since many of the Tanner crab pots are also used in the

groundfish fishery.

Adopted February 9, 1993
Anchorage, AK

Vote: 6-0-1 absent



Tom Elias, Chairman
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