

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER
RE: BRISTOL BAY RED KING CRAB EXPLOITATION RATE

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Under the authority of AS 16.05.270, the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegates authority to the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game to amend 5 AAC 34.816, Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy, to adjust the setting of guideline harvest levels for legal male crab utilizing a:

- 10% mature male harvest rate when the effective spawning biomass (ESB) is between 14.5 and 34.75 million pounds;
- 12.5% mature male harvest rate when the ESB is between 34.75 and 55 million pounds;
- 15% mature male harvest rate when the ESB is at or above 55 million pounds

The commissioner should review the federal Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan and give full consideration to the criteria within for setting guideline harvest levels in this fishery.

The board expects that this regulatory change will go into effect for the 2003 season.

DATED: June 24, 2003
Anchor Point, Alaska


Ed Dersham, Chairman

VOTE: 6-0-1
(one absent)

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