

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**King and Tanner Crab, Supplemental Issues**  
March 3-9, 2008  
Coast International Inn, Anchorage

**TENTATIVE AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

**NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting.**

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda. Those of you who wish to testify must sign-up by the deadline. Public testimony will continue until those present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony.

**Monday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.**

*Morning*

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff  
Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF REPORTS

*Afternoon*

Continued STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY<sup>2</sup>

Deadline for SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 4. Public testimony will continue until those who are present at the meeting are heard.

**Tuesday, March 4, 8:30 a.m.**

Continued PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
Organize for Committees<sup>3</sup>

**Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m.**

COMMITTEE WORK (*Committees A and D concurrent*)

**COMMITTEE A - Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab**  
**COMMITTEE D - Supplemental Issues**

**Thursday, March 6, 8:30 a.m.**

Continued COMMITTEE WORK (*Committees B and C concurrent*)

**COMMITTEE B - Aleutian Islands/Kodiak/Norton Sound Crab**  
**COMMITTEE C - Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet Crab**

**Friday, March 7, 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

**COMMITTEE E - Tour Fishing**

Board Committee Report Preparation and Distribution to the Public

Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

**Saturday, March 8, 8:30 a.m. through Sunday March 9**

BOARD DELIBERATIONS continued

Tour Fishing Permits

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including Petitions, Findings, Resolutions, Letters, Other

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**AGENDA NOTES:**

- 1) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Scheduled updates will be posted at the meeting, and can be obtained by calling the board's recorded message phone. Phone Number: **1-800-764-8901** [In Juneau call: 465-8901]
- 2) Advisory Committee representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of Public Testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether they prefer the beginning or end of public testimony.
- 3) **Board Committees:** Following staff reports and oral testimony, the board has established a number of board committees to provide additional review of proposals. Grouping of proposals will be finalized at the meeting. Board committees are comprised of board members. The board selects public advisors to the committees from qualified and interested members of the community(s). Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees, and may move between board committees as they choose. **Purpose** of the committee process is to: 1) broaden public participation in the regulatory process; 2) provide another forum for stakeholders to discuss resolution of contentious issues; and 3) provide additional detailed information relative to proposals.

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**TENATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

**Note:** *Following is the boards anticipated committee schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule. However, these time blocks are only an estimate. The actual dates of the committee meetings may change due to the progress of the meeting. Updated announcements and schedules will be posted at the meeting.*

**COMMITTEE A - Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab (14 Proposals)**

***Board committee members: Jensen (chair), Delo, Edfelt***

- 368** Provide for voluntary transfer of CDQ allocation overage between groups
- 369** Provide for partial observer coverage in Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery
- 370** Modify preseason vessel registration requirements for rationalized fisheries
- 371** Modify preseason vessel registration for Bering Sea Tanner crab
- 372** Clarify IFQ crab fisheries management plan
- 373** Define incidental and directed Tanner crab fishing for rationalized fisheries and clarify registration for concurrent harvest of Tanner crab with Bristol Bay red king and Bering Sea snow crab
- 374** In rationalized fisheries, allow pot gear to be transferred and operated by another vessel after vessel that originally registered the pot gear has unregistered
- 375** Clarify gear storage for rationalized crab fisheries
- 376** Repeal Tanner and snow crab pot limit and buoy tags
- 377** Repeal Bristol Bay pot limit and buoy tags
- 378** Allow 20 pots configured for groundfish to capture bait for use in the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery
- 379** Allow 20 pots configured for groundfish to capture bait for use in the Bristol Bay red crab fishery
- 380** Develop Pribilof red king crab management plan
- 381** Reduce or repeal St. Matthew blue king crab minimum total allowable catch for fishery to open

**COMMITTEE B - Aleutian Islands/Kodiak/Norton Sound Crab (12 Proposals)**

***Board committee members: Williams (chair), Webster, Campbell***

- 382** Increase biodegradable cotton thread size for golden king crab
- 383** Increase harvest level in the golden king crab fishery
- 384** Increase time that golden king crab gear may be left unattended prior to storage
- 385** Establish Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab regulatory harvest strategy
- 386** Establish Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab districts
- 366** Repeal superexclusive registration
- 367** Implement differential pot limits for big and small vessels
- 387** Start open access Norton Sound king crab fishery on June 15
- 388** Modify opening of Norton Sound king crab fishery
- 389** Reduce size limit for blue king crab in Norton Sound
- 390** Modify escape mechanisms for king crab pots in Norton Sound
- 391** Require galvanic release or other thread for Nome winter king crab fishery

### **COMMITTEE C - Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet Crab (7 Proposals)**

***Board committee members: Delo (chair), Jensen, Edfelt***

- 359 Establish and refine management criteria sport and personal use crab fisheries in Cook Inlet
- 360 Open a personal use bairdi tanner crab fishery between Gore Point to Cape Puget
- 361 Allow personal use fishery for golden or brown and red king crab in Prince William Sound
- 362 Open personal use Tanner crab season in Port Valdez
- 363 Allow a personal use tanner crab season in areas of Prince William Sound
- 364 Open personal use crab fishery in Prince William Sound
- 365 Open personal use crab fishery in Prince William Sound

### **COMMITTEE D - Supplemental Issues (8 Proposals)**

***Board committee members: Morris (chair), Williams, Webster***

- 72 Create an exclusive use area in Kodiak for salt water sport fishing charter operators
- 401 Revise stocked waters management plan
- 402 Develop new management measures to prevent overharvest and ensure accurate accounting, biological sampling and enforcement of state-waters scallop harvest
- 403 Update definitions to include Dark Rockfish (*S. ciliatus*)
- 404 Clarify western boundary of Ugashik District
- 405 Modify seabird avoidance measures
- A Prohibit dragging an anchor while sport fishing on Kenai River
- B Repeal bag and possession limit for Northern pike in Alexander Lake

### **COMMITTEE E - Tour fishing**

***Committee as a whole***