

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
King and Tanner Crab, and Supplemental Issues
March 22-26, 2011

Preliminary Summary

This preliminary summary is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the board's actions.

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| C/A | 89 | Establish weather delay criteria for opening the Chignik District Tanner crab fishery. (<i>Specific provisions adopted for Chignik District tied to small craft advisories and for South Peninsula District tied to gale force wind warnings.</i>) |
| F | 299 | In the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery, allow fishery to extend beyond May 15 if total allowable catch not achieved. |
| C/A | 300 | In the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery, increase the biodegradable twine requirement to 90 thread. (<i>Specified 60 thread allowed.</i>) |
| F | 301 | Change boundary in the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery. |
| C/A | 302 | Amend onboard observer standards. (<i>Procedures and behavioral conduct was specified, including prohibitions regarding alcohol, illegal controlled substances, or unprofessional behavior.</i>) |
| C/A | 303 | Amend shellfish onboard observer standards. (<i>Clarified prohibition on harassment.</i>) |
| C | 304 | Modify preseason pot storage criteria in the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab fishery. |
| NA | 305 | Change fishing season for St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery. (<i>Withdraw of support from author.</i>) |
| F | 306 | Escape mechanism for king crab pots in Norton Sound. |
| C/A | 307 | Reduce the minimum size for Bering Sea Tanner crab. (<i>Allowed harvest of crab 4.8 inches or greater shell width, except west of 166° W male C. Bairdi Tanner crab must by 4.4 inches or greater.</i>) |
| C/A | 308 | Limit size of subsistence crab pots from June – October. (<i>Specified size and marking requirements for pots used in subsistence and sport king and Tanner crab fisheries.</i>) |
| C/A | 309 | Modify Alaska Peninsula Area king and South Peninsula District Tanner crab pot limits. (<i>Allowed only 50 pots per vessel if the GHL is over 2,000,000 pounds in the South Peninsula District and only 50 pots per vessel if the GHL is over 2,000,000 pounds in the Chignik District.</i>) |
| NA | 310 | Modify Alaska Peninsula Area king crab pot limits. (<i>Due to action on #309.</i>) |
| F | 311 | Establish an Alaska Peninsula Community Harvest Area in the Bering Sea for king and Tanner crab, and establish community subsistence harvest permit conditions. |
| NA | 312 | Modify Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands king and Tanner crab subsistence bag and possession regulations to accommodate Community Harvest Permit. (<i>Due to action on #311.</i>) |

C = Carried; C/A = Carried as amended; F = Failed; NA = No action

- NA **313** Modify king and Tanner crab subsistence customary and traditional use findings for Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area. (*Due to action on #311.*)
- NA **314** Modify statewide shellfish subsistence proxy methods for Community Harvest Permit. (*Due to action on #311.*)
- C **315** Clarify restriction on use of sport, personal or subsistence caught shellfish by owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services.
- F **316** Allow for a January 15 crab season in Cook Inlet.
- F **317** Amend season dates for Tanner crab.
- C/A **318** Allow a three person gear limit for Tanner crab per vessel. (*Applied to all non-commercial fishing.*)
- C **319** Repeal personal use regulations for taking crab in the Kodiak Area.
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- C **333** Clarify regulation on terminating a joint operation of dual permits in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery.
- C/A **A** Make permanent an emergency regulation on 5 AAC 28.087 Management Measures in Parallel Groundfish Fisheries for the Protection of Steller Sea Lions relative to the Adak area Pacific cod fishery. (*The board modified the regulation by opening the parallel season for Pacific cod between 175° and 178° W by vessels no more than 60 feet, or not over 58 feet for longline gear, and tied the opening of the state waters fishery to four days after closure of the federal fishery or March 15.*)

OTHER

The board continued the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force, an industry group working with the department, and named members to serve for the next three years. (*See Board of Fisheries Finding 2011-265-FB.*)

The board heard background from the department on a regulatory problem with the transport of live shellfish. The board delegated regulatory authority to the commissioner to allow the live transport of shellfish out of state for human consumption.

The board selected locations for its 2012/2013 cycle meetings. Anchorage was selected for the October 2012 worksession; King Salmon was selected for the December 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting; Anchorage was selected for the January 2013 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish meeting; and Anchorage was selected for the February 2013 Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting and March 2013 Statewide Finfish meeting. Specific dates to be based on space availability and avoiding other fishery related meetings.

The board adopted written findings to identify the regulatory actions taken at the February 22-March 5, 2011 meeting to specific to addressing salmon stocks of concerns. (*See Board of Fisheries Finding 2011-266-FB.*)

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