

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
KING AND TANNER CRAB (STATEWIDE EXCEPT SOUTHEAST/YAKUTAK)
AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES**

March 22-26, 2011
Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage

TENTATIVE AGENDA¹

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

Tuesday, March 22, 8:30 a.m.

OPENING BUSINESS

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY²

Deadline for SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. Public testimony will continue until those who are present at the meeting are heard.

Continued Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony
Organize for Committees³

Wednesday, March 23, 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE WORK (*committees to be sequential*)

Committee A - Subsistence Crab

Committee B - Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands

Committee C - Gulf of Alaska Crab

Thursday, March 24, 8:30 a.m.

Board Committee Report Preparation and Distribution to the Public
BOARD DELIBERATIONS (*after public review of committee reports*)

Friday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. through Saturday, March 26

BOARD DELIBERATIONS continued

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

ADJOURN

Note regarding Tuesday March 22: The board and public are invited to a presentation from Bill Bechtol on the minimum size limits for Bering Sea Tanner crab fisheries. This will take place approximately 4:00 p.m. or after the close of business on March 22.

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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. Schedule updates will be posted at the meeting. An audio of the meeting should be available at the Board of Fisheries webpage (<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/index.php>) during periods when the board is on the record.
- 2) Testimony is expected to be limited to five (5) minutes for individuals and groups and fifteen (15) minutes advisory committee representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. 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 AND PUBLIC PANELS:** The board has established a number of board committees to provide additional review of proposals. Board committees are comprised of board members. The board selects public advisors to the committees from a list of qualified and interested members of the public compiled by the committee chairs following the oral testimony portion of the meeting. Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees and may move between board committees as they choose. The 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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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND ROADMAP

(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 – Subsistence Crab

Committee as a Whole

(4 proposals)

- 311 Establish an Alaska Peninsula Community Harvest Area in the Bering Sea for king and Tanner crab, and establish community subsistence harvest permit conditions.
- 312 Modify Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands king and Tanner crab subsistence bag and possession regulations to accommodate Community Harvest Permit.
- 313 Modify king and Tanner crab subsistence customary and traditional use findings for Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area.
- 314 Modify statewide shellfish subsistence proxy methods for Community Harvest Permit.

COMMITTEE B – Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands

Board committee members: Bill Brown (chair), Tom Kluberton, John Jensen

(11 proposals)

Aleutian Islands Crab:

- 299 In the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery, allow fishery to extend beyond May 15 if total allowable catch not achieved.
- 300 In the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery, increase the biodegradable twine requirement to 90 thread.
- 304 Modify preseason pot storage criteria in the Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab fishery.

Bering Sea Crab:

- 301 Change boundary in the Bering Sea District Tanner crab fishery.
- 305 Change fishing season for St. Matthew Island blue king crab fishery.
- 306 Escape mechanisms for king crab pots in Norton Sound.
- 307 Reduce the minimum size for Bering Sea Tanner crab.

Observer Program:

- 302 Amend onboard observer standards.
- 303 Amend onboard observer standards.

Aleutian Islands Groundfish:

- A* Steller sea lion measures in Aleutian Islands parallel Pacific cod fishery.
(*Proposal A was adopted as an emergency regulation by the board on January 19, 2011 and it expressed its intent to make the regulation permanent. The board scheduled public comment on the regulation at this meeting.*)

Bristol Bay Salmon:

- 333 Clarify regulation on terminating a joint operation of dual permits in Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery.

COMMITTEE C – Gulf of Alaska Crab

Board committee members: Karl Johnstone (chair), Mel Morris, Mike Smith
(10 proposals)

Cook Inlet Tanner Crab:

- 316 Allow for a January 15 crab season in Cook Inlet.
- 317 Amend season dates for Tanner crab.
- 318 Allow a three person gear limit for Tanner crab per vessel.

Kodiak King and Tanner Crab:

- 308 Limit size of subsistence crab pots from June - October.
- 319 Repeal personal use regulations for taking crab in the Kodiak Area.

Chignik King and Tanner Crab:

- 89 Develop marine weather criteria for opening the Chignik District Tanner crab fishery.
- 320 Repeal personal use regulations for taking crab in the Chignik Area.

Alaska Peninsula King and Tanner Crab:

- 309 Modify Alaska Peninsula Area king, and South Peninsula District Tanner crab pot limits.
- 310 Modify Alaska Peninsula Area king crab pot limits.

Statewide King and Tanner Crab:

- 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.

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