

Submitted by the Alaska Scallop Association  
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ADF&G submitted RC 19 on January 7, 2014. RC 19 amended Proposal 369 related to  
**5 AAC 38.0XX.**

This RC suggests minor amendments to RC 19.

Amend section (e) to read as follows:

(e) Based on the department's assessment of vessel effort, manageability, and available harvest in state waters, the department may manage weathervane scallop in state waters separately from weathervane scallop in federal waters of the exclusive economic zone. If no vessels without a federal permit register and participate in a state registration area, the department may manage that state registration area and the adjacent federal area as a single management unit.

**Basis for the amendment.** The amendment adds the second sentence to section (e). Section (e) in ADF&G's RC 19 is already intent language. The second sentence added by this amendment simply clarifies management options that the department may implement. The added language provides additional certainty for participants on the kinds of conservation and development management measures, or options, that the department may implement, and provides the department with a less complicated management tool.

Delete section (j).

**Basis for the amendment.** The query for the Board to make is whether the department needs section (j) to manage this fishery, when the department already has an observer requirement. Section (j) is unnecessary for the department to manage the scallop fishery when observers report as frequently as the department's managers request.