

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental issues
March 17 – 21, 2014
Anchorage

COMMITTEE ROADMAP (49 proposals)

COMMITTEE A - GULF OF ALASKA CRAB (19 Proposals)

Board committee members: Johnson – Chair; Huntington; Kluberton

Statewide King and Tanner Crab (1 proposal)

326 Close all commercial king and Tanner crab fisheries, except Southeastern Alaska.

Prince William Sound Crab (7 proposals)

- 327 Update regulatory description of king crab Registration Area E.
328 Update regulatory description of Tanner crab Registration Area E.
329 Establish a guideline harvest range (GHR) for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound based on commercial fishery opened with 10-pot limit.
330 Establish a guideline harvest range (GHR) for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound based on commercial fishery opened with 15-pot limit.
331 Establish a guideline harvest range (GHR) for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound based on commercial fishery opened with 20-pot limit.
332 Open a commercial Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound for intervals no greater than two years.
333 Open a commercial Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound in March and April with vessel length and pot limit.

Cook Inlet Crab (3 proposals)

- 334 Modify the harvest strategy for Registration Area H Tanner crab.
335 Change season dates of the fisheries to October 15 through March 31.
336 Modify sport fishing season, pot size requirements, pot limit, and bag limit for Cook Inlet Tanner crab.

Kodiak Crab (3 proposals)

- 337 Repeal prohibition on subsistence Tanner crab fishing 14 days before participating in a king or Tanner crab commercial opening.
338 Close Alitak Bay to subsistence and commercial king and Tanner crab fishing.
339 Amend description of area and districts.

Kodiak and South Peninsula Crab (1 proposal)

- 340 Clarify weather-delay regulations to open the Tanner crab seasons in the Kodiak and South Peninsula areas.

Kodiak, Chignik and South Peninsula Crab (1 proposal)

- 341 Repeal Tanner crab tank inspection requirements.

South Peninsula Crab (2 proposals)

- 342 Change Tanner crab fishery opening to January 3.
- 343 Amend description of king and Tanner crab registration area and districts.

Registration Area J Tanner Crab (1 proposal)

- 347 Amend description of registration area and districts.

COMMITTEE B - Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Crab (23 proposals)

Board committee members: Morisky – Chair; Jeffrey; Jensen

Norton Sound Crab (3 proposals)

- 344 Add spiny king crab (*Paralithodes brevipes*) as defined species of king crab.
- 345 Allow king crab be taken by hand line during winter commercial fishery in the Norton Sound Section.
- 346 Adjust red king crab harvest rates and trigger points based on changes in abundance model.

Aleutian Islands Crab (10 proposals)

- 348 Increase harvest limit for Aleutian Islands golden king crab.
- 349 Modify Aleutian Islands golden king crab season.
- 350 Establish districts for western Aleutian Islands red king crab.
- 351 Establish management measures for Adak red king crab fishery.
- 352 Close federal waters between 171° W. long. and 179° W. long. to fishing when red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) in state-waters is less than 250,000 pounds
- 353 Establish registration deadline for Adak red king crab.
- 354 Open Adak red king crab fishery by emergency order July 1.
- 355 Exempt persons and vessels participating in Adak District red king crab fishery from participation in certain other fisheries.
- 356 Add Adak as tank inspection location for red king crab.
- 357 Amend description of Aleutian Islands king crab registration area.

Bering Sea Crab (5 proposals)

- 358 Revise Saint Matthew Island blue king crab fishery harvest strategy.
- 359 Allow groundfish pots in Saint Matthew Island blue king crab fishery.
- 360 Eliminate king crab pot marking for Registration Area Q (Bering Sea).
- 361 Modify gear marking requirements for longline pots in the Bering Sea golden king crab fishery.
- 362 Specify vertical placement of escape rings and update definition of escape ring placement in Bering Sea Tanner and snow crab fisheries.

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Crab (1 proposal)

- 363 Clarify vessel check-out provisions in rationalized crab fisheries.

Crab Observer Program (4 proposals)

- 364 Clarify when a trainee observer permit expires.
- 365 Clarify observer definitions for “briefing”, “debriefing”, and “trainee”.
- 366 Clarify observer briefing and debriefing instructions.
- 367 Update regulations for independent contracting agents.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Miscellaneous Issues (7 proposals)

- 370 Modify groundfish bycatch possession requirements.
- 371 Remove dip net size restrictions for Yukon Area districts 1–3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
- 372 Modify the specifications and operations of a commercial fish wheel in the Yukon Area to allow the use of a lead.
- 373 Remove the exception allowing for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained in the Yukon Area districts 1–3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries.
- 374 Modify the time period the Nushagak River single-hook regulation is in effect from year-round to May 1 – July 31.
- 375 Remedy a navigational obstruction in Ugashik River set gillnet salmon fishery.
- 377 Authorize use of purse seine gear for commercial harvest of Yukon River summer chum salmon in districts 1–3 during times of king salmon conservation; secondarily the proposal asks for consideration of allowing monofilament purse seine web in this fishery.