

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
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**Substitute Language for Proposal 271**

**PROPOSAL 271 – 5 AAC 35.3xx. Commissioner’s permits for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound.**

- (a) Male Tanner crab, five inches or greater in carapace width, may be taken in the Eastern and Western districts of Registration Area E only under the conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner.
- (b) No more than 50 Tanner crab pots may be operated from a vessel:
- (c) The permit required in (a) of this section
  - (1) may specify season dates;
  - (2) may specify areas of fishing operations by district or by geographic location.
  - (3) may require an onboard observer during all operations;
  - (4) shall require mandatory completion of log sheets provided by the department and require log sheets be attached to the fish ticket at the time of landing; and
    - (A) log sheets described in (a) of this section must
      - (i) include the date, the specific location of harvest by latitude and longitude, the number of pots fished, the average depth of each pot fished, and the time gear is deployed and hauled of each set;
      - (ii) include for the target species, and for each bycatch species, the number of fish retained and discarded;
      - (iii) be updated within 24 hours after midnight local time on the day of operation;
      - (iv) be made available to a local representative of the department upon request.
      - (v) a copy of the page of the log sheet described in (a) in this section pertaining to a landing must be submitted with the fish ticket documenting the landing.
      - (vi) A person may not make a false entry in the log sheets described in (b) of this section.
  - (5) may set other conditions deemed necessary by the commissioner for conservation and management purposes.
- (d) Registration Area E is a superexclusive registration area for Tanner crab; an operator of a Tanner crab vessel validly registered for a superexclusive registration area may not operate any other Tanner crab vessel registered for any other superexclusive registration area in the same registration year as established under 5 AAC 35.020 (h).