

**PROPOSAL 61**

**5 AAC 34.100 and 35.100. Description of Registration Area A.**

Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore, as follows:

Registration Area A **consists of all Pacific Ocean waters north of** [HAS AS ITS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY] the International Boundary **line** at Dixon Entrance, and **south of a line extending 231 deg. southwest** [AS ITS NORTHERN BOUNDARY A LINE EXTENDING SEAWARD from the western tip of Cape Fairweather at 58° 47.89' N. lat., 137° 56.68' W. long. to the intersection with the seaward limit of the three-nautical-mile territorial sea at 58° 45.91' N. lat., 138° 01.53' W. long. **and all Pacific Ocean waters south of 58° 45.91' N. lat.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Rewrite the Southeast King and Tanner Regulations to include all waters of the pacific ocean. The state has the management authority of crab fisheries out to 200 miles, however the language of 34.100 and 35.100 restrict Registration Area A to the 3 mile line, preventing access to crabs outside of 3 miles. Registration Areas A and D are the only Registration Areas that do this.

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