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5 AAC 31.136. Closed waters in Registration Area A and 5 AAC 34.150. Closed waters in Registration Area A.

Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab, as follows:

The commercial fishery for red king crab and spot shrimp in 11-A should be abolished.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Commercial fishing in 11-A for red king crab and shrimp. Historic lack of personal use fisheries after a commercial opening

There always was an abundance of crab and shrimp to support a personal use fishery in 11-A. Each time there was a commercial opening the stocks were decimated which resulted in very lengthy closures. I commercial fished westward and Kodiak for twenty years and realize that it is a wonderful way to make a living—we are only asking for a small piece of these fisheries for personal use—most personal use fishermen are only active for a few months and would barely touch the stocks that have by now rebuilt. The crab and shrimp surveys have been very inconclusive and areas of abundant crab/shrimp are often overlooked. The computer models can easily be wrong and there should be in place a way to log and document our sport effort to help with research. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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