

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Ruffner.
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Substitute language for Proposal 72

5 AAC 35.113. Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy.

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(b) The department shall manage the commercial Tanner crab fishery under a harvest strategy in which the commissioner, by emergency order, opens and closes fishing periods as follows:

(1) the initial period of the commercial Tanner crab fishing season in the core areas, [AND] noncore areas, **and exploratory areas** will be at least five days in length, and may be increased with additional fishing days allowed based on the estimated biomass of mature male crab and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery, as follows:

Pots registered	Additional fishing days	
	If the mature biomass	
	Is at least 2,300,000	If the mature biomass
	Pounds, but less than	is 5,500,000 pounds
	5,500,000 pounds	or greater
1,600 – 2,399	4 additional days	5 additional days
2,400 – 3,199	3 additional days	4 additional days
3,200 – 3,999	2 additional days	3 additional days
4,000 – 4,799	1 additional day	2 additional days
4,800 – 5,599	1 additional day	2 additional days
5,600 – 6,399	0 additional days	1 additional day
6,400 – 7,000	0 additional days	1 additional day

(2) at the end of the initial period, the core areas will close to fishing, and the noncore **and exploratory** areas will remain open for an additional five days. **After the noncore areas close to fishing, the exploratory areas will remain open for an additional fourteen days.**

(c) For the purposes of this section,

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(2) "noncore areas" includes **all waters of Alaska in** those portions of districts in Registration Area A that are not described in (1) of this subsection.

(3) "exploratory areas" include all waters of Registration Area A in the Exclusive Economic Zone.