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Issue

The crab West of 170 degrees is not biologically related to the North American crab stocks and should be operated on a size and sex management system for three years so that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game can find out what the crab population structure is out there. This would be done with private investment. Due to decreased availability of funding state funding this would allow the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to obtain information on the abundance, sex distribution, and population of crab without increased expenses. This can be done for a three-year period.

roposed Solution

The commissioner may open and close, by emergency order, a season for the harvest of all species crab west of 170 degrees. Vessels under 60 feet may participate in this fishery. The crab fishery will be operated on a size and sex management system.

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