

**PROPOSAL 199**

**5 AAC 34.128. Operation of other gear in Registration Area A.**

Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 34.128. Operation of other gear in Registration Area A.

(a) A person or vessel that operates commercial, subsistence, personal use, or sport pots or ring nets, other than [COMMERCIAL] shrimp pots or Dungeness crab pots, during the 30 days immediately before the scheduled opening date of the commercial king crab season in Registration Area A may not participate in that king crab fishery.

(b) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 31.053(d), 5 AAC 32.053(d), and 5 AAC 34.053(2), a person or vessel may operate [COMMERCIAL] shrimp pots or Dungeness crab pots during an open king crab season in Registration Area A if the [COMMERCIAL] shrimp or Dungeness crab season is open in Registration Area A at the same time as the commercial king crab season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** At this time it is not legal for a person participating in a commercial king or tanner crab fishery to fish shrimp or Dungeness crab for personal sport or subsistence. At the same time it is legal to do so commercially. It is highly unlikely that a person could harvest legal Tanner or King crab in a shrimp or Dungeness pot. Catch of king or tanner crab in this type of gear is highly unlikely. As written this regulation is only limiting persons from harvesting a resource for their own use.

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