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5 AAC 35.308. Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy.
Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy for Prince William Sound, as follows:

A commercial Tanner crab fishery will occur each year in Area E. The Department shall develop said fishery annually in consultation with local advisory committees. In accordance with the Department King & Tanner crab management policy, the Department will submit a detailed analysis of the socio-economic impact of its management plan.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? After 30 years of crab closures in Area E, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game has (in some circles) destroyed whatever credibility it ever had as a trustworthy manager. In order to repair its credibility the Department must take steps to engage with local communities.

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