Throughout the week, CDFU Shellfish Division has met regularly with Department managers and biometricians to express our concerns with the original language and methods.

Our primary concern remains that a majority of the tanner crab habitat in Prince William Sound is not trawlable and the inherent inconsistencies within the trawl survey due to this, as well as the fact that the trawl survey was only cross-referenced with pot survey data for a single year.

However, the new regulatory language submitted in RC 109 takes into consideration our concerns and provides the Department an improved regulatory framework for managing the fishery in the future. For these reasons, we support RC 109 and urge the board to adopt this language for Proposal 75.

We continue to support Proposal 69 as written and encourage the board to adopt both RC 109 for Proposal 75, as well as Proposal 69.