

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
King and Tanner Crab, Supplemental Issues
March 3-8, 2008
Anchorage
Preliminary Summary

- F 72 Create an exclusive use area in Kodiak for saltwater sport fishing charter operators. *(proposal was deferred from January 2008 meeting)*
- C/A 359 Establish and refine management criteria sport and personal use crab fisheries in Cook Inlet.
- NA 360 Open a personal use bairdi tanner crab fishery between Gore Point to Cape Puget.
- C/A 361 Allow personal use fishery for golden or brown and red king crab in Prince William Sound.
- NA 362 Open personal use Tanner crab season in Port Valdez.
- C/A 363 Allow a personal use tanner crab season in areas of Prince William Sound. *October 1 through March 31, only male 5 1/2 inch or greater legal, bag and possession limit of 5.*
- NA 364 Open personal use crab fishery in Prince William Sound.
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- F 366 Repeal superexclusive registration.
- F 367 Implement differential pot limits for big and small vessels.
- C/A 368 Provide for voluntary transfer of CDQ allocation overage between groups.
- C/A 369 Provide for partial observer coverage in Bering Sea Tanner crab fishery. *Allowed department to require up to 100 percent coverage.*
- C/A 370 Modify preseason vessel registration requirements for rationalized fisheries.
- NA 371 Modify preseason vessel registration for Bering Sea Tanner crab.
- C/A 372 Clarify IFQ crab fisheries management plan.
- C/A 373 Define incidental and directed Tanner crab fishing for rationalized fisheries and clarify registration for concurrent harvest of Tanner crab with BB red king and BS snow crab.
- NA 374 In rationalized fisheries, allow pot gear to be transferred and operated by another vessel after vessel that originally registered the pot gear has unregistered.
- C/A 375 Clarify gear storage for rationalized crab fisheries.
- C/A 376 Repeal Tanner and snow crab pot limit and buoy tags.
- C/A 377 Repeal Bristol Bay pot limit and buoy tags.
- T 378 Allow 20 pots configured for groundfish to capture bait for use in the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery. *Amended and tabled to April 2008 for final action.*
- NA 379 Allow 20 pots configured for groundfish to capture bait for use in the Bristol Bay red crab fishery.

- F **380** Develop Pribilof red king crab management plan.
- F **381** Reduce or repeal St. Matthew blue king crab minimum total allowable catch for fishery to open.
- F **382** Increase biodegradable cotton thread size for golden king crab.
- C/A **383** Increase harvest level in the golden king crab fishery. *3.15 million pounds east of 174° W Long., and 2.835 million pounds west of 174° W Long. until the stock assessment model can be established.*
- F **384** Increase time that golden king crab gear may be left unattended prior to storage.
- C/A **385** Establish Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab regulatory harvest strategy.
- C/A **386** Establish Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab districts.
- C/A **387** Start open access Norton Sound king crab fishery on June 15.
- C/A **388** Modify opening of Norton Sound king crab fishery.
- C/A **389** Reduce size limit for blue king crab in Norton Sound. *5 inches or greater.*
- C/A **390** Modify escape mechanisms for king crab pots in Norton Sound. *Established escapement ring specifications.*
- F **391** Require galvanic release or other thread for Nome winter king crab fishery
- C **401** Revise stocked waters management plan.
- T **402** Develop new management measures to prevent overharvest and ensure accurate accounting, biological sampling and enforcement of state-waters scallop harvest. *Tabled to October 2008.*
- C/A **403** Update definitions to include Dark Rockfish (*S. ciliatus*).
- C/A **404** Clarify western boundary of Ugashik District.
- C **405** Modify seabird avoidance measures.
- C/A **A** Prohibit dragging an anchor while sport fishing on Kenai River.
- F **B** Repeal bag and possession limit for Northern pike in Alexander Lake.
- C **C** Clarified AYK blue and red king crab sport bag limit.
- C **D** Include king and Tanner gear in prohibition regarding disturbing shellfish gear.

Other actions

Developed regulatory framework for ecotourism fishing and adventure fishing based on guided sport fishing; established superexclusive guided sport Dungeness fishery in George Inlet; and developed permit conditions for aquarium stocking.

Delegated authority to modify essential fish habitat regulations for complementary action with National Marine Fisheries Service regulations.

Continued crab observer oversight task force for another three years and made eight appointments.

Adopted written findings on Upper Cook Inlet salmon management plans (2008-259-FB).

C = Carried; C/A = Carried as amended; F = Failed; NA = No action; T = Tabled