

RC 5

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Boards Support Section

RC #5 provides the board action under the 2012 Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish meeting's miscellaneous business for two charge statements for the Southeast Alaska Pot Shrimp Task Force (RC 35) and the Southeast Alaska King and Tanner Crab Task Force (RC 47).

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
January 15-21, 2012
SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT KING AND TANNER CRAB; DUNGENESS CRAB; SHRIMP;
AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH

PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

(This board summary is for informational purposes only and the actions below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A= Carried as Amended, N/A=No Action

60 Total Proposals

(Proposals 141-144 were bifurcated to be considered at the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.)

ACTION – PROPOSAL NUMBER – SUBJECT

Shellfish (9)		
General (3)		
N/A	139	Clarify where personal use shellfish regulations apply. <i>(ADF&G withdrew support to bring forward as a statewide issue at a later date.)</i>
F	140	Establish a catch report card system for subsistence, personal use, and sport shellfish fisheries.
F	141	Prohibit fishing for bottomfish and shellfish near Cache Island by all users. (This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.)
Sport Shellfish (6)		
F	142	Prohibit nonresidents from fishing for bottomfish and shellfish in a portion of Behm Canal. (This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.)
N/A	143	Prohibit nonresidents from fishing for bottomfish and shellfish near Naha Bay. (This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.) <i>(Based on actions taken on Proposal 142.)</i>
N/A	144	Prohibit nonresidents from fishing for bottomfish and shellfish near Cedar Island. (This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.) <i>(Based on actions taken on Proposal 142.)</i>
C	145	Reduce the shrimp pot limit for the sport fishery.
F	146	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.
C	147	Amend registration requirements for the George Inlet super exclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.
King and Tanner Crab (13)		
Personal Use (4)		
F	148	Allocate all harvest of king crab in Section 11-A (Juneau area) to the personal use fishery.
C	149	Establish ring net limits for the subsistence, sport, and personal use Dungeness and Tanner crab fisheries. <i>(In addition, a board generated proposal will be submitted at the Statewide meeting in March to address marking requirements for ring nets.)</i>

N/A	187	Establish a trip limit program for the Southeast Alaska geoduck fishery. <i>(No Board authority.)</i>
N/A	188	Amend number of harvest days and times for the Southeast Alaska geoduck fishery to allow for preseason control of harvest for the fishery. <i>(No Board authority.)</i>
N/A	189	Establish a weekly rate of harvest schedule for the Southeast Alaska geoduck fishery. <i>(No Board authority.)</i>
F	190	Revise harvest rotation areas for the geoduck fishery in Ketchikan and Craig to provide consistent annual harvest in the fishery.
Gear (3)		
F	191	Limit length of air and water hoses to 300 ft. in the Southeast Alaska geoduck fishery.
F	192	Establish a minimum distance of 200 yards between vessels in the Southeast Alaska geoduck fishery.
C	193	Prohibits divers from using gear in commercial openings following unauthorized use of gear and allow divers to dive on aquatic farm sites.
Registration (1)		
C	194	Amend the registration requirements for red sea urchins, sea cucumbers, and geoducks in Registration Area A.
Abalone (2)		
C/A	195	Reduce the bag and possession limits for abalone from 50 to 10 in the subsistence and personal use fisheries. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC38.)</i>
N/A	196	Restrict the subsistence, personal use, and sport abalone fisheries. <i>(Based on actions taken on Proposal 195.)</i>
Razor clams (2)		
C/A	197	Clarify application of the personal use regulation and close the personal use razor clam fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC40.)</i>
C/A	198	Close the subsistence razor clam fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC40.)</i>

Miscellaneous Business:

- Agenda Change Request #11, submitted by ADF&G to remove the Bristol Bay red king crab minimum total allowable catch, was accepted by the Board and will be considered during the Statewide meeting in March 2012.
- The Petition submitted as RC 45 by Mr. Doug Karlberg regarding the Yukon District 4 commercial chum salmon fishery was accepted by the Board and will be considered during the Statewide meeting in March 2012.
- Task Forces:
 - The Sea Otter Industry Task Force was discussed. It was clarified that this task force already exists and John Jensen will continue to participate on a volunteer basis.

- The Board discussed and decided against the establishment of a Shrimp Beam Trawl Task Force.
 - The Board discussed and accepted the new charge statement provided by both the department and the Shrimp Pot Task Force set forth in RC35.
 - The Board discussed and accepted the new charge statement provided by the department and the King and Tanner Crab Task Force set forth in RC47.
- Board Members Kluberton and Smith provided an update on Joint Board Meeting preliminary work. The Board of Fisheries and Board of Game have agreed to move forward with sending out an informal solicitation notice to seek potential issues that could be considered to help determine if a Joint Board Meeting should be scheduled. The initial Joint Board Committee Members will meet next week to revisit the draft solicitation notice to further discuss the details. An update on this effort will be discussed during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting scheduled for February 24-March 4, 2012, in Ketchikan.
 - Board Member Smith provided a briefing on the *Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan*.
 - A healthy discussion was had by the Board and Department of Law to help clarify Board Member's participation on conflicted proposals. Department of Law recommends Board Members who have conflicts NOT participate in discussions during deliberations and voting on those proposals. It is within the Chair's discretion to determine if a Board Member who has conflicts can participate in the committee process to assist in providing their expertise and knowledge within such a complex process.
 - The Board discussed the possibility of sending a letter to the International Pacific Halibut Commission to request updated bycatch information, but after further discussion it was determined a letter from the Board would not be appropriate at this time.
 - Board Member Webster will assist in developing a Board generated proposal for Proposal 149 regarding marking requirements for ring nets to be considered during the Statewide meeting in March 2012.

Charge for Southeast Alaska Pot Shrimp Task Force

Purpose: An advisory industry group to provide direction and assistance to ADF&G on commercial pot shrimp management issues including:

1. Long-term management goals and plans
2. Research Plans
3. Stock Assessment and data collection
4. Management issues such as fleet capacity

The intent of this Task Force is to address commercial pot shrimp fishery management issues and is not to be forum for allocation.

Task Force Structure: All pot shrimp permit holders are welcome to attend and participate in the task force. The permit holders will elect a co-chair from industry and a vice co-chair to act as the liaison between industry and Dept. for development of issues, agendas to be discussed at task force meetings and co-chair the meeting with ADFG. The co-chair and vice co-chair once elected will remain until further replaced by a future election.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

RC47

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Charge to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
and Southeast Alaska King and Tanner Crab Task Force

The Alaska Board of Fisheries requests the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Southeast Alaska King and Tanner Crab Task Force to work together collaboratively for the following purposes.

The King and Tanner Crab Task Force is an advisory industry group that meets annually with ADF&G to exchange information (or perhaps interface) on commercial SE AK King crab and tanner crab management including:

1. Research plans and designs,
2. Stock Assessment and survey design (timing, methodology etc),
3. Data Collection (logbooks, sampling etc.)
4. Management issues of mutual concern (e.g. inseason communication, transparency, factors considered in establishing GHLS)
5. Long term management plans and goals.

Additionally, the KTTF (King and Tanner Task Force) and ADF&G will work together toward achieving consensus (to the extent possible) on king and tanner management proposals for the Board of Fish.

The King and Tanner crab fisheries and associated regulations should be compatible with a vision for the sustainable management of the Southeast Alaska Crab fisheries, outlined as follows:

1. Abundance based management by area with preseason GHLS, incorporating information about all stock segments;
2. Survey and stock assessment protocols in place that are understood by stakeholders;
3. In-season management targeting specific area GHLS;
4. Follow the policies set out in the board's King and Tanner Crab Policy
5. Maintain the concurrent tanner and golden king crab fisheries.