

PROPOSAL 246

5 AAC 02.311. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of shellfish stocks and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.

Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for crab in the Cook Inlet Area, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, as follows:

(a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the shellfish stocks in that portion of the Cook Inlet Area outside the nonsubsistence area described in 5 AAC 99.015(a) (3) are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence.

(b) The board finds that

(1) 850–1,275 gallons or 6,800–10,200 pounds (round weight) of hardshell clams are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses in that portion of the Cook Inlet Area described in (a) of this section from the easternmost point of Jakolof Bay to Point Pogibshi;

(2) 350–525 gallons or 2,800–4,200 pounds (round weight) of hardshell clams are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses in the remainder of that portion of the Cook Inlet Area described in (a) of this section that is not included in the area described in (1) of this subsection;

(3) 4,500–6,500 pounds of usable weight of shellfish, other than hardshell clams, crab, and shrimp, are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses in that portion of the Cook Inlet Area described in (a) of this section.

(4) The board finds that XXXX crab are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses in the Cook Inlet Area.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal provides an opportunity for the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) and public to consider adopting an ANS for subsistence findings for crab stocks in the Cook Inlet Area [outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area described at 5 AAC 99.015(a)(3)]. There are ANS amounts for the other shellfish stocks that the board has found there are customary and traditional subsistence uses, but not for the crab stocks.

The language above suggests individual numbers of crab, all species combined, but the public and the board could also consider separate ANS findings by crab species, as well as pounds edible weight, as has been done for the other resources with a positive customary and traditional use finding. Please see the Community Subsistence Information System for a source of harvest and use data.

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