

**PROPOSAL 196**

**5 AAC 34.125. Lawful gear for Registration Area A.**

Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows:

5 AAC 34.125(b)(2) is amended to read:

(b)(2) when the commercial golden king crab season is open in Registration Area A, and the commercial red king crab or Tanner crab season is closed, no more than **80** [100] king crab pots may be operated from a vessel registered to fish for king crab;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** A golden king crab pot reduction to 80 pots would mirror the pot limit currently in regulation for the Tanner crab fishery, which has the same start date as the golden king crab fishery. Reducing the number of pots in the fishery will ease fishing pressure on the Southeast Alaskan golden king crab stock and improve management precision in targeting fishery area guideline harvest levels.

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