

**PROPOSAL 64**

**5 AAC 34.210. Fishing seasons for Registration Area E.**

Establish a fishing season for golden king crab in Registration Area E, as follows:

Amend the current regulations for king crab in area E to read as follows:

5 AAC 34.210 Fishing seasons for Registration Area E.

(a) The commercial taking of red king crab and blue king crab in registration area E is closed until these stocks have recovered enough for a harvest strategy to be developed by the department and adopted by the Board of Fisheries.

(b) Golden king crab may be taken from January 15 through March 15 only under the conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Current regulations do not differentiate between red, blue, and golden king crab, and prohibit all commercial king crab fishing within Prince William Sound. There is no regulatory framework in place for a golden king crab fishery specifically.

**PROPOSED BY:** Cordova District Fishermen United

(HQ-F20-013)

\*\*\*\*\*