

PROPOSAL 77

5 AAC 35.306. Area E registration.

Amend the Tanner crab registration deadline, as follows:

5 AAC 35.306(b) is amended to read:

(b) A Tanner crab vessel must be registered under 5 AAC 35.020 no later than **15** [30] days before the scheduled opening date of the commercial Tanner crab season.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The department uses registration deadlines in order to make decisions for the commercial Tanner crab fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS). Fifteen days prior to the opening of the fishery is adequate to make initial fishery decisions. Similarly, the PWS shrimp pot fishery has a deadline 15 days prior to the season start and this is adequate for the department to make fishery management decisions.

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