

Submitted by Board Member Jensen, prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Gameⁱ.

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Substitute language for proposal 272:

5 AAC 35.509 is amended to read:

5 AAC 35.509. Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy. (a) In the Eastern Aleutian District, **the department shall manage a commercial Tanner crab fishery in accordance with 35.080, as follows:** [A COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHERY MAY OPEN ONLY IF ANALYSIS OF PRESEASON SURVEY DATA INDICATES THAT THE SUBJECT POPULATION MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE THRESHOLD LEVEL OF MATURE MALE ABUNDANCE SPECIFIED IN (b) OF THIS SECTION, WHICH IS ONE-HALF THE LONG-TERM AVERAGE OF MATURE MALE ABUNDANCE, AND THE FISHERY IS IN A SECTION OF THE EASTERN ALEUTIAN DISTRICT THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL OF 35,000 POUNDS OR MORE AS CALCULATED UNDER (d) OF THIS SECTION]

(1) analysis of preseason survey data indicates that the estimated population at the time of the survey is at or above 50 percent of the long-term average of mature male abundance;

(2) the fishery in a section of the Eastern Aleutian District that is sufficient to provide a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 10,000 pounds or more, except for a fishery in the Unalaska Bay Section that is sufficient to provide a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 15,000 pounds or more, as calculated under (d) of this section.

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