<u>PROPOSAL 239</u> - 5 AAC 32.052. Dungeness crab pot gear storage requirements. Remove Registration Area A from the 72-hour Dungeness crab pot storage limitation requirement, as follows:

5 AAC 32.052(b)(2)(A) any portion of Registration Areas D and H; or Eliminate area A from this clause.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulation does not allow enough time for removal of stored pots following the closure of most of the waters of area A. As written, all pots must be removed from the water within 72 hours of the closure during the darkest and stormiest part of the year. By contrast seven days are allowed following the closure in August and the closure in February.