

PROPOSAL 56

5 AAC 32.150. Closed waters in Registration Area A.

Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:

(11) waters of Twelve-mile Arm west of a line **at 55'31.262'N lat., 132'34.141''W long, to 55'30.170'N lat., 132'33.731'W long., and north and east of a line at 55'26.410'N lat., 132'40.050'W long., to 55'26.333'N lat., 132'39.529'W long.;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The residents of Prince of Wales Island have continued to see an increased presence of commercial Dungeness crab fisherman in 12-mile arm. The commercial Dungeness crab fleet has seen an increased in sea otters in other areas of Southeast Alaska and very low numbers of Dungeness crab in those areas. The area of Hollis has seen an increase of personal use Dungeness crab fisherman from the communities on the western shore of Prince of Wales. The fisherman of Hollis continues to see lower numbers of crab from the increase of all users. A small increase to the area closed to taking Dungeness crab commercially will continue to allow a sustainable biomass to be harvested by personal use fisherman to supplement the high cost of living and depressed economy on Prince of Wales Island. The commercial Dungeness crab fleet would not be impacted by this small increase to the existing closed fishing area.

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