

PROPOSAL 62

5 AAC 34.160 and 35.160. Description of Registration Area D.

Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore, as follows:

Registration area D **consists of all Pacific Ocean waters east of** the longitude of Cape Suckling(144 deg. W. long.), and **north of a line extending 231 deg. southwest from** the western tip of Cape Fairweather at 58.47.89N. lat., 137.56.68W. long.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Rewrite the Yakutat King and Tanner Regulations to include all waters of the pacific ocean. The state has the management authority of crab fisheries out to 200 miles, however the language of 34.160 and 35.160 restrict Registration Area D to the 3 mile line, preventing access to crabs outside of 3 miles. Registration Areas A and D are the only Registration Areas that do this.

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