

**PROPOSAL 72**

**5 AAC 35.113. Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy.**

Re-define ‘non-core’ areas and define ‘exploratory’ areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows:

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We recommend re-defining all areas of the non-core that have had a landing in the last 5 seasons as ‘non-core.’ All remaining areas that are not defined as core or non-core, shall be defined as ‘exploratory’ areas. Exploratory areas should remain open for a minimum of 14 days after noncore areas close.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** We would like to re-define ‘non-core’ areas and define ‘exploratory’ areas. Some areas of Southeast have not been fished for Tanners in decades, and we would like to give fishermen an opportunity to try these areas.

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