PROPOSAL 257

5 AAC 35.510. Fishing seasons for Registration Area J.

Open the Kodiak District Tanner crab fishery December 15, as follows:

Change the opening date to December 15.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to change the opening date for Kodiak tanner crab to an earlier date than January 15 because it's during Pacific cod A Season which opens January 1st for pot and longline fisheries. By the time crab season is over the cod season is almost over also due to 80% reduction in cod quotas since 2018. Boats that participate in both fisheries have less opportunity to fish cod.

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