PROPOSAL 265

5 AAC 32.415. Operation of pot gear for Registration Area J.

Repeal regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period, as follows:

1-In Area J all pots shall be removed from water at least once within a 14 day period or -2 have all bait and bait containers removed and all doors secured fully open. The problem is we can't get to some of our pots when the weather it too rough and the ground swell makes it impossible as they are near the beach in shallow water. We also have to schedule landings with processors which combined with weather can be a problem.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? As the regulation is new I don't think it was needed before, and isn't today either I would like to see it dropped all together.