

**PROPOSAL 236**

**5 AAC 34.127. King crab pot storage requirements for Registration Area A.**

Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial king crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms.

**Allow for commercial fishing pot storage out to 20 fathoms in depth for the Southeast Alaska commercial golden king crab fishery.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Change the storage depth for golden king crab pots from 10 fathoms to 20 fathoms in Southeast Alaska. With rising interest in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, there is a growing issue of limited pot storage in specific stat areas. Fishermen currently can store their pots near the fishing grounds in depths up to 10 fathoms. This has lead to fishermen having to store their gear vert close to one another, as well as limiting vessels ability to anchor up out of the bad weather because the anchorages are filled with stored gear.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** This proposal was developed by PVOA with assistance from Adam Messmer at ADF&G

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