## **PROPOSAL 244**

## 5 AAC 35.110. Fishing season for Registration Area A.

Change the criteria for setting the season start date for the Registration Area A Tanner crab commercial fishery to fall within the smallest set of falling tides between February 10 and 17.

Set the season start date for Tanner crab in Southeast Alaska to the smallest set of falling tides between the  $10^{th}$  and  $17^{th}$  of February.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Set the season start date for the Tanner crab fishing season on the smallest set of falling tides between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February. This will allow fishermen to start fishing before the tides have started rising, and finish the season, when participating in core areas, before the peak of the tide cycle. This will allow for easier pot retrieval, less risk of gear interaction, and less potential gear loss.

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.