

PROPOSAL 268

5 AAC 58.035. Methods, means, and general provisions – Shellfish.

Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel, as follows:

Stop allowing commercial operators to include Tanner crab access as part of their service. No commercial charter or related commercial activity type will be allowed to transport persons for the purpose of harvesting Tanner crab in Kachemak Bay or Cook Inlet and their surrounding waters.

Add a new section: A person may not harvest Tanner Crab from a sport chartered vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I'm concerned about the excess pressure on tanner crab in Kachmak Bay and Cook Inlet due to Charters selling combo fishing trips while also including Tanner crab access. Unnecessary commercial pressure is being applied to this fishery because of this type of access. This crab fishery was closed for several years due to lack of mature crab and it seems unrealistic to encourage and allow access from commercial charter boats and any other commercial access providers. I would encourage you to limit all types of commercial access to this subsistence/sport Tanner crab fishery. It appears non-residents are increasingly participating in the fishery is likely due to charger provide access.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Yes I requested help from Fish and Game for assistance with the specifics of this proposal.

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