

PROPOSAL 272

5 AAC 34.910. Fishing seasons for Registration Area Q.

Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15.

(d) In the Norton Sound Section of the Northern District, male red king crab, male blue king crab, and male Hanasaki king crab may be taken only as follows:

(1) during a fishing season established by emergency order to open on or after **July 1** [JUNE 15] and close 12:00 noon September 3 (summer season); and

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The start date for the Norton Sound summer king crab fishery is too early and often results in lower quality crab with poor meat fill. Since this fishery's GHF is in pounds, this also results in more individual crab being harvested when the crab weigh less.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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