

PROPOSAL 277

5 AAC 34.6XX. New Section.

Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery, as follows:

5AAC 34.6XX State waters Aleutian Islands golden crab Harvest strategy

Points to be included

- State waters east of 169 deg**
- Vessels 58' and under**
- Fishing hours 8:00 AM to 7:59 PM**
- 90 pot limit**
- Single pot only**
- Close east of 169 deg to longline crab pot gear**
- Season, Sept 1 – Apr 30**
- GHL set annually by ADF&G, not to exceed 100,000 pounds**
- Size limit, 6" male crab**
- Daily reporting**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Create a single pot golden crab fishery for vessels 58' and under with its own allocation. Currently, area O golden crab is fully rationalized and allocated to the federal fishery. There exists, however, an open access parallel State fishery that if prosecuted would create uncertainty for management, possibly forcing closure to the State waters of area O where 10% of existing quota is traditionally caught. A dedicated allocation for vessels 58' and under would reduce uncertainty and retain opportunity for smaller local boats.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. A few local fishermen have talked about this potential for several years.

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