

PROPOSAL 289

5 AAC 35.525. Lawful Gear for Registration Area J.

Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows:

(1) in the Kodiak District, **an aggregate of no more than 20 pots may be operated from a validly registered Tanner crab vessel** [WHEN THE GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL FOR C. BAIRDI TANNER CRAB IS

(A) LESS THAN 5,000,000 POUNDS, AN AGGREGATE OF NO MORE THAN 20 POTS MAY BE OPERATED FROM A VALIDLY REGISTERED TANNER CRAB VESSEL;

(B) AT LEAST 5,000,000 POUNDS, AN AGGREGATE OF NO MORE THAN 30 POTS MAY BE OPERATED FROM A VALIDLY REGISTERED TANNER CRAB VESSEL;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Kodiak Tanner Crab fishery currently has a tiered pot limit based on a GHL set by ADF&G. This fishery will always be able to reach its GHL with a 20 pot limit. With over 170 permits available for the Kodiak Tanner Crab Fishery, the GHL will still always be achieved quickly.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Reducing the pot limit has been discussed amongst members of the fleet since the last Board of Fish cycle.

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