

**PROPOSAL 290**

**5 AAC 35.510. Fishing seasons for Registration Area J .**

Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20, as follows:

The only change in regulation we need is the opening date to the season. Everything else can stay exactly as is.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** We the Homer small boat fleet would like to propose a change in the Kodiak Bairdi crab fishery opening from January 15 to February 20. We propose this because of extreme cold temperatures and ice that engulfs the harbor and surrounding waters. There has been seasons our small fleet were unable to participate in the season due to the circumstances. There has also been seasons we had to spend lots of money to deal with the ice just to make it out of the harbor, setting us back on profits or even putting us in the red after fishing a full season.

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

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