

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish**  
**January 21-27, 2009, Petersburg, Alaska**

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**SPORT SHELLFISH**

- F 133 Close Southeast Alaska area to sport fishing for shellfish.
- F 134 Close sport shellfish fishing in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area and restrict charter vessel use May 15-Sept. 15.
- F 135 Require that sport shellfish post and rings be pulled by hand
- F 136 Require tunnel eye openings in sport crab posts not exceed 5 inches in height and prohibit top loading pots for nonresidents
- NA 137 Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish that do not currently have a bag and possession limit. *(No action was taken on the shellfish portion of this proposal. The finfish portion of this proposal is scheduled for the February 2009 meeting in Sitka)*
- NA 138 Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit. [Also see Proposal 368]
- C 139 Reduce the sport bag and possession limit for shrimp.

**SHRIMP**

**Reporting Requirements**

- C/A 140 Amend reporting requirements for commercial shrimp fishery in Registration Area A. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*

**Lawful Gear**

- F 141 Amend pot limit in Southeast Alaska spot shrimp fishery to 100 pots no larger than 48 inches.
- F 142 Amend shrimp pot size limit to 140 36-inch small pots or 100 48-inch large pots.

**Beam Trawl**

- F 143 Eliminate the 10 percent trip bycatch limit on coonstripe shrimp for beamtrawlers and replace with a harvest level in pounds for each area or bay.

**Closed Waters**

- F 144 Close commercial shrimp fishery within 1-mile radius around Sukoi Island.

**DUNGENESS CRAB**

**Size Limits**

- F 145 Specify crab measurement devices and allow for broken spines.
- F 146 Allow a 2 percent tolerance for mistakes made in sorting crab.
- C/A 147 Modify sport fish definition on of a legal size Dungeness crab. *(Amended to specify measuring method of Dungeness crab in all Southeast Alaska fisheries.)*

**Seasons**

- F 148 Change season dates for Dungeness crab fishery.
- C/A 149 Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A. *(Amended to add a three-year sunset clause.)*
- NA 150 Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.

**Management Plan**

- C 151 Allow flexibility in Dungeness crab management plan if soft shell crab landings significantly affect harvest forecast.

**Dual Permit**

- C/A 152 Require all permit holders to be onboard vessel when multiple permits are used in Dungeness crab fishery. *(Amended to apply when gear in water, when crab are onboard, or when setting or retrieving gear.)*
- F 153 Prohibit use of two permits in Dungeness crab fishery.

**Closed Waters**

- F 154 Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.
- C 155 Open commercial Dungeness crab fishing during fall season in Twelve-mile Arm closed area.
- C 156 Reopen Chaik Bay to commercial Dungeness crab fishing.
- F 157 Close waters near Coffman Cove to commercial Dungeness crab fishing during summer months.
- F 158 Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing from the north end Wrangell Narrows to Mountain Point for five years.
- F 159 Close Naukati Bay to commercial crab fishing.

**Sport Bag Limits**

- C 160 Reduce sport bag and possession limits for Dungeness and tanner crab.

**Ecotourism**

- F 161 Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide.
- C/A 162 Modify regulations that limit the number of pots and lifts in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery. *(Amended to allow discretionary authority on pot use.)*
- F 163 Increase number of pots and lifts per vessel in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery.

**KING AND TANNER CRAB****Subsistence King Crab**

- NA 164 Recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah Area.
- NA 165 Open Port Frederick to subsistence and personal use king crab fishing.

- NA 166 Establish a customary and traditional use finding for red king crab in Section 6-A, District 8, and portion of District 10.
- NA 167 Designate king crab in Area 13B and 13C as a subsistence resource.
- NA 168 Allow subsistence and personal use fishing for red and blue king crab in Peril Straits and allow for reduced bag limit as needed for conservation.

### Seasons

- C 169 Close personal use and sport season for Tanner crab prior to opening king crab season.
- NA 170 Close sport and personal use Tanner crab fisheries prior to start of personal use red and blue king crab fishery.
- NA 171 Start personal use king crab season in Hoonah sound July 1.
- C 172 Align seasonal closures for red and blue king crab subsistence and personal use fisheries in Yakutat.

### Red King Crab

- C 173 Change allocation of red and blue king crab to personal use fishery in Section 11.
- F 174 Restrict commercial crab fishing in Section 11-A to rebuild stocks.
- F 175 Specify a seven day long red and blue king crab fishery in Registration Area A.
- C/A 176 Amend bag limit and season for personal use king crab fishery. *(Amended to provide department management flexibility, allow for reduced bag limits, and separated the golden season from the red or blue king crab season.)*

### Golden King Crab

- C/A 177 Increase seasonal quota for golden king crab in management areas. *(Amended to specify Northern Area up to 175,000 pounds, Icy Strait up to 75,000 pounds, East Central Area up to 300,000 pounds, and Mid-Chatham Strait up to 150,000 pounds.)*
- NA 178 Set guideline harvest ranges based on logbook information and dockside sampling.
- C/A 179 Allow king crab to be taken in a Tanner pot if both seasons are open and both permits are held. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- F 180 Prohibit square pots for taking golden king crab in Southeast Alaska.

### Tanner Crab

- C/A 181 Modify Tanner crab management plan and reporting requirements. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- NA 182 Specify two week long Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.
- C 183 Extend gear storage time to 5 days for Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.

### Dual Permit

- T 184 Allow 120 pots for vessels with two Tanner permits onboard. *(Tabled to board's restructuring committee and scheduled for the 2011/2012 cycle.)*
- T/A 185 Allow additional pots if two permits are held. *(Amended and tabled to board's restructuring committee and scheduled for the 2011/2012 cycle.)*

**Lawful Gear**

- C/A 186 Require escape rings on pots used in personal use, subsistence, and sport fishing for Tanner crab. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*

**MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH****Scallops**

- NA 187 Move opening date in Yakutat District 16 scallop fishery from July 1 to June 1.

**Geoducks**

- F 188 Establish equal share program for geoduck fishery.
- F 189 Change start date of geoduck season to July 1.
- F 190 Establish trip limits for geoduck fishery.
- F 191 Divide management area in Southeast into two areas for geoduck fishery.
- C 192 Allow sub-regional area registration for geoduck fishery in Registration Area A.
- C/A 193 Correct latitude reference for closed area in Kliuchevoi Bay in District 13. *(Amended to correct error in regulation.)*

**Sea Cucumbers**

- C 194 Allow use of tenders in sea cucumber fishery.
- F 195 Move boundary for commercial sea cucumber fishery to the north end of St. Philip Island.
- C 196 Reopen Clover Pass area near Ketchikan to commercial sea cucumber fishing.

**Red Sea Urchins**

- F 197 Delete onboard observer requirement for red sea urchin fishery. *(Also see reference to board finding under Other Actions.)*

**Octopus**

- C/A 198 Develop an octopus management plan with octopus as a bycatch only species. *(Amended to provide an octopus management plan for Southeast Alaska.)*

**Supplemental Proposals**

- F 368 Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit. *(Only the shellfish portion of this proposal failed. The finfish portion of this proposal is scheduled for the February 2009 meeting in Sitka)*

**Other actions**

- C 318 Move Prince of Wales area shrimp regulations to correct subsection. *(This housekeeping proposal was previously listed for February 2009 finfish meeting. The board addressed it at the January shellfish meeting.)*

The board adopted regulatory findings regarding onboard observers in the red sea urchin fishery.

The board accepted a petition from the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association and scheduled the petition for possible regulatory action during the March 16-20, 2009 meeting.