

**PROPOSAL 71**

**5 AAC 35.308. Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy.**

Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy for Prince William Sound, as follows:

A commercial Tanner crab fishery will occur each year in Area E. The Department shall develop said fishery annually in consultation with local advisory committees. In accordance with the Department King & Tanner crab management policy, the Department will submit a detailed analysis of the socio-economic impact of its management plan.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** After 30 years of crab closures in Area E, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game has (in some circles) destroyed whatever credibility it ever had as a trustworthy manager. In order to repair its credibility the Department must take steps to engage with local communities.

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