

**KING AND TANNER TASK FORCE
PETERSBURG VESSEL OWNERS ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST ALASKA FISHERMEN'S ALLIANCE**

Board of Fisheries
ADF&G Board Support
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RE: SUPPORT FOR SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE LOCATED IN RC10 FOR PROPOSAL #190

Dear Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair and Board of Fish Members,

The annual king and tanner task force (KTTF) held a virtual meeting on December 3, 2021 where ADF&G presented a new red king crab (RKC) management strategy document to industry (had been emailed out prior to the meeting). Industry and the Dept discussed all the aspects of the management strategy and agreed to hold a second meeting on December 16th. At that meeting, the industry participants who hold RKC permits tasked the industry KTTF Co-Chair Jared Bright, PVOA Executive Director Megan O'Neil and SEAFSA Executive Director Kathy Hansen to continue to work with the Dept and try to develop a RKC management plan that both could agree to. This group met with the Dept several more times as well as email correspondence **and came to an agreement to support the substitute language in RC 10 submitted by ADF&G. RC 10 will be substitute language for proposal #190 submitted by industry associations.** Adopting the language in RC 10 allows the Board of Fish to take no action on industry proposal #191.

Industry continued throughout this process to provide updates to the KTTF permit holder email list after each meeting and continued to get support for moving forward. There was affirmative response from at least 60% of the permit holders on the draft language and we have approximately 95% of the permit holders on the email list by the time the draft language was emailed.

This RKC management plan is a complete overhaul of the current management used in the fishery. Industry has been asking for years for a biological threshold for red king crab, this plan includes the biological threshold, a method for providing opportunity with the equal quota share provisions when there is less than 200,000 pounds, a competitive fishery when there is over 200,000 pounds, allows stacking of permits in the equal quota share fishery and the substitute language in RC 10 does not change the allocation between the personal use and

commercial fisheries. Commercial fishermen understand that while this RKC management plan will likely provide more opportunities for a fishery it does not guarantee a fishery every year.

Thank you for considering the substitute language in RC 10 which is language agreed upon by industry and ADF&G.

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