

March 13, 2022

Substitute language for Proposals 195 & 197 combined:

**5 AAC 35.113. Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy;** Substitute language to create an exploratory area in inside waters in Districts 1 - 4 for the commercial Tanner crab fishery with a season open until 14 days after the closure of noncore areas and extending the current exploratory area season in the exclusive economic zone an additional 14 days.

5 AAC 35.113 is amended to read:

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(b) The department shall manage the commercial Tanner crab fishery under a harvest strategy in which the commissioner, by emergency order, opens and closes fishing periods as follows:

(1) the initial period of the commercial Tanner crab fishing season in the core areas, noncore areas, **inside exploratory areas**, and **outside** exploratory areas will be at least five days in length, and may be increased with additional fishing days allowed based on the estimated biomass of mature male crab and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery, as follows:

Pots registered	Additional fishing days	
	If the mature biomass is at least 2,300,000 pounds, but less than 5,500,000 pounds	If the mature biomass is 5,500,000 pounds or greater
1,600 - 2,399	4 additional days	5 additional days
2,400 - 3,199	3 additional days	4 additional days
3,200 - 3,999	2 additional days	3 additional days
4,000 - 4,799	1 additional day	2 additional days
4,800 - 5,599	1 additional day	2 additional days
5,600 - 6,399	0 additional days	1 additional day
6,400 - 7,000	0 additional days	1 additional day

(2) at the end of the initial period, the core areas will close to fishing, and the noncore, **inside exploratory areas**, and **outside** exploratory areas will remain open for an

additional five days. After the noncore areas close to fishing, the **inside exploratory areas and outside** exploratory areas will remain open for an additional fourteen days. **After the inside exploratory areas close to fishing, the outside exploratory areas will remain open through March 31.**

(c) For the purposes of this section, (2) “noncore areas” includes all waters of Alaska in those portions of districts in Registration Area A that are not described in (1) **and (3)** of this subsection;

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**(3) “inside exploratory areas” includes all waters of Registration Area A within Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 as described in 5 AAC 33.200;**

**(4) [(3)] “outside exploratory areas” includes [INCLUDE] all waters of Registration Area A in the exclusive economic zone.**