

Proposal 170

This Board has previously commended and rewarded the efforts of fishermen or users of a resource asking the board for self restriction. This proposal is exactly that. The proposer is a long time participant who understands what is happening on a real world level and is concerned about the long term sustainability of the fishery and resource. This proposal is supported by most fishermen regardless of where they live or types of vessels. I support this proposal as written. If possible, I would recommend the Board give the Department Biologists authority to place an emergency in-season pot limit per vessel instead of relying solely on preseason registration. Basically, if enough boats are actively fishing and breaking the 10,000 pot threshold, then the Department MAY take action. I believe a preseason registration is warranted. While there may be validity to some fishermen comments about the area's size and possible non-fished zones, we can't just let the flood gates wide open and potentially wipe out another crab stock.

It is ultimately important if the Board chooses to pass this proposal, in any form, that it is fast tracked through Dept. of Law to be effective for 2023 beginning April 1!

In addition, I Petition the board to also adopt the following change into regulation. This regulation should be consistent in all non limited entry Dungeness crab fisheries. Currently its set aside in only Kodiak District.

5 AAC 32.460. Tenders for Dungeness crab in (the Kodiak District). Area J.

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 32.033(d)(2), in (the Kodiak District) Area J, a vessel registered to fish for Dungeness crab may tender Dungeness crab from other registered Dungeness crab vessels. A tender operator must be an authorized agent of a processor. Before using a vessel as a tender under this section, the tender operator shall register as a tender with the department at the department office in Kodiak or **Dutch Harbor**. A tender operator shall complete an ADF&G fish ticket at the first point of delivery from the catcher vessel.

Thank You Board Members for your countless hours of service to the state and it resources.

Best Regards

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