

Submitted at the request of Board Member Carpenter by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Substitute language for Proposal 170

5 AAC 32.020(b) is amended to read:

5 AAC 32.020. Dungeness crab area registration

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(b) The Dungeness crab registration year is January 1 through December 31, [.]

(1) except that in the North Peninsula District, the registration deadline is April 1. Vessels must register with the department by this deadline to participate in the fishery;

(2) before a vessel may be registered under this section, in a registration area that requires registration, the vessel operator must obtain a CFEC interim-use permit for Dungeness crab that references the vessel's ADF&G license number and file a registration form with the department. The registration form must identify the vessel and vessel operator and must be received in person, or by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile, at the department office in Dutch Harbor or Kodiak by the applicable deadline specified in (b)(1) of this section.

5 AAC 32.425(b) is amended to read:

5 AAC 32.425(b). Lawful gear for Registration Area J

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(b) The following Dungeness crab pot limits are in effect for Registration Area J:

(1) in the Kodiak District, an aggregate of no more than 700 pots may be operated from a validly registered Dungeness crab vessel; [AND]

(2) in the Alaska Peninsula District, an aggregate of no more than 500 pots may be operated from a validly registered Dungeness crab vessel; **and** [.]

(3) in the North Peninsula District, the department will establish the individual vessel pot limit after the April 1 registration deadline. The pot limit will be 500 pots per validly registered vessel. If five vessels or fewer are validly registered by the registration deadline, the pot limit will be 750 pots per vessel.