

**PROPOSAL 293**

**5 AAC 32.410. Fishing seasons for Registration Area J.**

Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery , as follows:

**Bracketed language is removed and bolded language is additive**

**PROPOSAL XXX**

**5 AAC 32.410. Fishing seasons for Registration Area J.** Amend Dungeness crab season dates for Registration Area J, as follows:

In the [KODIAK,] Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Districts, male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed only from 12:00 noon May 1 until 11:59 p.m. October 31; [EXCEPT THAT IN THE WATERS OF THE KODIAK DISTRICT SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF BOOT POINT AT 56° 49.98' N. LAT., AND EAST OF LONGITUDE OF BOOT POINT AT 153° 46.10' W. LONG. AND WATERS SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF CAPE IKOLIK AT 57° 17.40' N. LAT., AND WEST OF THE LONGITUDE OF BOOT POINT AT 153° 46.10' W. LONG., MALE DUNGENESS CRAB MAY BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED ONLY FROM 12:00 NOON JUNE 15 UNTIL 11:59 P.M. OCTOBER 31.]

(b) In the North Peninsula District, male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed from 12:00 noon May 1 until 12:00 noon October 18; [.]

**(c) In the Kodiak District, male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed from 12:00 noon June 1 until 12:00 noon November 30.**

Original Language:

(a) In the Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Districts, male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed only from 12:00 noon May 1 until 11:59 p.m. October 31, except that in the waters of the Kodiak District south of the latitude of Boot Point at 56° 49.98' N. lat., and east of longitude of Boot Point at 153° 46.10' W. long. and waters south of the latitude of Cape Ikolik at 57° 17.40' N. lat., and west of the longitude of Boot Point at 153° 46.10' W. long., male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed only from 12:00 noon June 15 until 11:59 p.m. October 31.

(b) In the North Peninsula District, male Dungeness crab may be taken or possessed from 12:00 noon May 1 until 12:00 noon October 18.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I would like to address the dungeness season start and end dates in the Kodiak district. A later start date will avoid the abundance of soft shell crab early in the season. Aligning the Kodiak area opening dates will spread the fleet out more evenly and reduce gear conflict,

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** I let fish and game know we were going to submit the proposal and received advice on where to insert the new language. I brought this forward after a group of active dungeness fishermen requested it.

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