

PROPOSAL 298

5 AAC 38.078 State-Waters Weathervane Scallop Management Plan

Amend the State-Waters Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement.

- 1.) Ban scallop dredges in state waters.
- 2.) Allow pots or other non bottom scraping gear to fish scallops only.
- 3.) impose weekly trip limits of 800 pounds.
- 4.) eliminate observer coverage if gear is shown to fish with no bycatch.
- 5.) no VMS (Vessel monitoring system) required.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? 1.) In the state waters weathervane scallop fishery, eliminate the preseason registration deadline. Allow registration anytime during the scallop fishing season.

- 2.) Eliminate big trips of scallops coming from state waters.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I approached kodiak F&G scallop management leader. He said he wasn't intrested in any new scallop gear type.

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