

Miscellaneous Shellfish (1 proposal)

PROPOSAL 43

5 AAC 38.217. Registration Area E Octopus Management Plan.

Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound, as follows:

- (a) In Registration Area E, octopus may [ONLY] be taken as bycatch in pot, trawl, and longline gear fisheries as described in this section.
- (b) The guideline harvest range for octopus in Registration Area E is 0 - 35,000 pounds; when the guideline harvest level has been reached, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, Registration Area E to the retention of octopus.
- (c) Octopus may be retained as bycatch only in an amount not to exceed 20 percent, by weight, of the directed harvest on board the vessel, except that in a directed fishery for shrimp, octopus may be retained in an amount not to exceed 35 percent, by weight, of the shrimp on board the vessel.
- (d) Octopus may be harvested under a commissioner permit as a longline lair pot fishery to allow the guideline harvest of the 0-35,000 pounds; when the guideline harvest level has been reached, the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, Registration Area E to retention of Octopus. Bycatch retention is prohibited in the Octopus longline lair pot fishery.**
- (e) Octopus retained for sale or for personal use shall be reported on a fish ticket as described in 5 AAC 39.130.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow guideline harvest of octopus in Area E under a commissioner permit.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.

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