

***Scallops (1 proposal)***

**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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