

(REPLACES #95-03-FB)

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING NONCOMMERCIAL
KING, TANNER, AND DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND
MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH POTS IN THE COOK INLET AREA.**

(Previously
FINDING #96-01-FB) 96-157-FB

In accordance with AS 16.05.270, the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegates to the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game the authority to adopt and make permanent changes to the following regulations:

Regulations in 5 AAC 58, 5 AAC 75, and 5 AAC 77 and any other appropriate regulations to require harvest reporting forms, permit requirements, establish pot limits, require escape rings in pots (except shrimp pots), and prohibit floating lines on pots, and other appropriate changes in regulations for shrimp, miscellaneous shellfish, and king, Tanner, and Dungeness crab sport and personal use fisheries in the Cook Inlet Area, and define a shrimp pot.

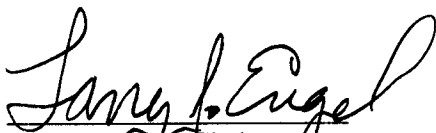
This delegation of authority replaces the previous delegation (#95-03-FB), approved by the board at its November 1995 meeting in Homer, Alaska, to clarify that participants in the shrimp and miscellaneous shellfish fisheries will be required to meet the same requirements as participants in the king, Tanner, and Dungeness crab fisheries, except that escape rings will not be required for shrimp pots, as they are not a practical escape mechanism for shrimp pots.

Dungeness crab and shrimp proposals are not scheduled for consideration until the 1996/97 board cycle. The board only has king and Tanner crab fisheries before it at this time. The board finds that it is necessary to delegate to the commissioner the authority to notice these changes for review by the public, and to adopt changes in all the respective fisheries at the same time to facilitate regulations for all the noncommercial fisheries at one time.

The board also delegates authority to the commissioner to make necessary administrative changes to any appropriate regulations in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, if the changes in regulations under this delegation create any conflicts with existing regulations.

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