

RC 031

Amend Language in Proposal 265 as follows:

Vessels limited to two (2) pots per vessel

One (1) permit required per vessel

Seasons: October 1 – November 15
 January 15 – February 29

Limit four (4) crab per day per vessel

This major change in this RC is season dates. These dates were preferred to take into consideration the following:

Reduce lost pots, long period of time between pot checks and mortality of crab when on deck in freezing temperatures due to the severest incimate weather from November 15 – January 15. Many years the harbor may freeze or jam with ice on very short notice and any pots fishing cannot be accessed for weeks.

Increasing number of pots per vessel will provide better estimation of population without significantly increasing harvest. As the limit is four (4) crab while fishing one pot or two. Many times, when dropping pots into 500 plus feet of water with the extreme Cook Inlet tides, one pot may have several crabs in it while the other pot nearby has none. Using two pots would give the department a much better idea of population densities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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