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### Substitute Language for Proposal 265

#### 5 AAC 35.408. Registration Area H Tanner crab harvest strategy.

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(d) The noncommercial Tanner crab fisheries guideline harvest level may not exceed 10 percent of the recent five-year average of legal male stock abundance when legal male stock abundance is below the minimum stock threshold for a commercial fishery. **Except as provided in 5 AAC 58.022 (11)(x) and 5 AAC 02.325 (x)** the noncommercial Tanner crab fisheries will be closed

#### 5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, annual, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet — Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.

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(11) Tanner crab: may be taken only from July 15 — March 15, except that the waters east of Cape Fairfield are closed and when the sport fishery in the Kamishak District or Barren Islands District is closed to the taking of Tanner crab, the sport fishery in the Eastern, Outer, and Central Districts shall remain closed as specified under 5 AAC 35.410(c); bag and possession limit of five male crab; minimum size is five and one-half inches across the widest part of the shell, including spines; a shellfish harvest recording form is required as specified in 5 AAC 58.026; **Notwithstanding 5 AAC 35.408, the sport fishery may be managed as follows;**

**(x) from October 1 through the last day of February; the bag and possession limit is set at three male Tanner crab; only male Tanner crab with a minimum size of four and one half inches across the widest part of the shell, including spines may be taken or possessed; no more than one pot per person with a maximum of one pot per vessel may be used to take Tanner crab; a shellfish harvest recording form is required as specified in 5 AAC 02.015 and 5 AAC 58.026;**

#### 5 AAC 02.325. Subsistence Tanner crab fishery. In that portion of the Cook Inlet Area outside the nonsubsistence area described in 5 AAC 99.015(a)(3), in the subsistence taking of Tanner crab; **Notwithstanding 5 AAC 35.408, the subsistence fishery may be managed as follows;**

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**(x) from October 1 through the last day of February; the bag and possession limit is set at three male Tanner crab; only male Tanner crab with a minimum size of four and one half inches across the widest part of the shell, including spines may be taken or possessed; no more than one pot per person with a maximum of one pot per vessel may be used to take Tanner crab; a shellfish harvest recording form is required as specified in 5 AAC 02.015 and 5 AAC 58.026;**