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5 AAC 34.612 (b) is amended to read:

5 AAC 34.612. Harvest levels for golden king crab in Registration Area O.

(a) Until the Aleutian Islands golden king crab stock assessment model and a state regulatory harvest strategy are established, the harvest levels for the Registration Area O golden king crab fishery are as follows:

- (1) east of 174° W. long.: 3.31 million pounds; and
- (2) west of 174° W. long.: 2.98 million pounds.

(b) The department may **modify** [REDUCE] the harvest levels in (a) of this section based on the best scientific information available, in considering the reliability of estimates and performance measures, uncertainty as necessary to avoid overfishing, and any other factors necessary to be consistent with sustained yield principles.