

Proposal 160
Substitute language
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In consultation with Chignik Fishermen and
the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

AAC 35.507. Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts *C. bairdi* Tanner crab harvest strategies.

(c) In the Kodiak District,

(3) In the Semidi Island Overlap section,

(A) The Fishery will open when either the southwest section of the Kodiak District or the Chignik District is open;

[1. WHEN EITHER THE SOUTHWEST SECTION OF THE KODIAK DISTRICT OR THE CHIGNIK DISTRICT IS OPEN AND TRIGGERS THE OPENING OF THE SEMIDI ISLAND OVERLAP SECTION, FISHERMEN REGISTERED TO FISH IN EITHER THE KODIAK DISTRICT OR THE CHIGNIK DISTRICT ARE PERMITTED TO FISH IN THE SEMIDI ISLAND OVERLAP SECTION.]

Discussion:

The substitute language will provide opportunity for both Chignik crab fishermen and Kodiak crab fishermen to fish in the overlap area if the area is open. The area is not expected to open in 2021. The Department anticipates developing a revised management plan for submission to the Board during the 2020-21 Board cycle that may further address the overlap area.

Nevertheless, the proposed substitute language for proposal 160 provides equal fishing opportunity for both Chignik crab fishermen and Kodiak crab fishermen should there be a fishery in 2021 and/or if the Department is unable to develop a revised management plan to Chignik and Kodiak tanner crab for the 2021 Board meeting. In short, it's an interim measure to ensure equity for both Chignik and Kodiak crab fishermen.