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**STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB (Except Southeast and Yakutat, and Prince William Sound for Tanner Crab only)
AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES**

**March 8-11, 2020
Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage**

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(revised February 21, 2020)

(38 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA COMMERCIAL KING CRAB, COOK INLET TANNER CRAB, AND SOUTHEAST AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON (14 proposals – Chair Godfrey)

Prince William Sound Area Commercial King Crab (2 proposals)

- 244 Allow a commercial king crab fishery in the Northern and Western Districts of Prince William Sound.
- 245 Create commissioner's permits for any king crab fishery in Area E closed for five years.

Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Subsistence (3 proposals)

- 246 Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for crab in the Cook Inlet Area, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area.
- 247 Adjust the opening date of the subsistence Tanner crab fishery east of Kachemak Bay in the Cook Inlet Area.
- 254 Allow crab rings in the Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab subsistence fishery.

Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Sport (6 proposals)

- 248 Establish an annual limit for Tanner crab sport fisheries.
- 249 Align tanner crab sport fishery season dates for all areas.



- 250 Include an appeal process for failure to report for the Tanner crab sport fishery harvest recording form.
- 251 Require two escape mechanisms per pot in the tanner crab sport fishery in the Cook Inlet and North Gulf coast areas.
- 252 Establish a seasonal limit for Tanner crab in Kachemak Bay.
- 253 Allow crab rings in the Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab sport fishery.

Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Commercial (1 proposal)

- 255 Amend commercial and noncommercial thresholds, and management based on thresholds, for Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab fisheries.

Upper Cook Inlet Area Salmon Sport (1 proposal)

- 284 Amend the size limit for Kenai River early-run king salmon from 36 inches to 34 inches to be consistent with the size limit in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.

Southeast Area Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)

- 277 Add the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area and West Crawfish Inlet to waters that may be opened to a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL KING CRAB, BRISTOL BAY AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON, KUSKOKWIM AREA SUBSISTENCE SALMON, AND FRESHWATER SPORT FISHING (7 proposals – Chair Payton)

Norton Sound Commercial King Crab (4 proposals)

- 273 Amend the season dates for king crab in the Northern District Norton Sound Section.
- 274 Limit the number of pot tags per permit per season in the Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery.
- 275 Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after operating commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days prior to the opening of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery.
- 276 Allow a person or vessel to operate commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days of the closure of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after participating in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery.

Bristol Bay Area Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)



- 279 Allow two Bristol Bay drift gillnet CFEC permit holders to fish concurrently from the same vessel and jointly operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear when the Naknek River Special Harvest Area is open.

Kuskokwim Area Subsistence Salmon (1 proposal)

- 280 Allow use of set gillnets with 6” mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation.

Freshwater Sport Fishing (1 proposal)

- 281 Prohibit fishing in fresh water with live earthworms in the genus Lumbricus.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: KODIAK AREA SUBSISTENCE KING CRAB, ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA SPORT FISHING KING CRAB, KODIAK, CHIGNIK, AND ALASKA PENINSULA COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB, BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB, AND ONBOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM (17 proposals – Chair Jensen)

Kodiak Subsistence King Crab (1 proposal)

- 256 Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for king crab in the Kodiak Area.

Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area Sport Fishing King Crab (1 proposal)

- 267 Establish season and limits for golden king crab in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.

Kodiak, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula Commercial King and Tanner Crab (5 proposals)

- 257 Open the Kodiak District Tanner crab fishery December 15.
- 258 Align pot storage requirements and allow storage of pots in waters more than 25 fathoms for seven days following season closure for Tanner crab in the Kodiak District.
- 259 Create a Chignik Registration Area commercial king crab fishery and provide for registration, seasons, size limits, lawful gear, pot storage requirements, inspection, and vessel length restrictions.
- 260 Align boundaries for the Chignik District commercial Tanner crab fishery with the commercial salmon fishery.
- 264 Amend Area J Tanner crab season opening weather delay criteria.



Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area Commercial King and Tanner Crab (6 proposals)

- 261 Adopt a new Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits.
- 262 Modify the Bering Sea C. opilio harvest strategy definition of “exploited legal males”.
- 263 Allow retention of incidentally harvested Bering Sea District C. bairdi during directed a C. opilio season.
- 265 Update Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab registration regulations.
- 266 Change the season dates for the Registration Area O golden king crab fishery to March 1–October 31.
- 268 Allow gear transfers to be authorized by electronic mail.

Onboard Observer Program (4 proposals)

- 269 Amend observer trainee permit revocation regulation.
- 270 Specify briefing and debriefing requirements for trainee and certified observers.
- 271 Specify marine safety requirements for fishing vessels carrying observers.
- 272 Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications.