

**PROPOSAL 79**

**5 AAC 35.306. Area E registration.**

Designate Registration Area E an exclusive registration area for Tanner crab, as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 35.306 to read "Registration Area E is an Exclusive registration area"

This would allow local boats to work with Yakutat fishermen in the future to create fishing opportunity in Icy Bay and Yakutat Bay. This change in designation should have no impact on local fleets or stocks in Area E. Area E would be the only Exclusive designation in the state. Therefore we would be protected from other crab fleets due to their areas Super exclusive designations. Yet we would still able to fish in Area D due to its non exclusive designation.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** 5 AAC 35.306 currently reads "Registration Area E is a Super exclusive registration area" Under the super exclusive designation area vessels participating in local tanner fisheries may not participate in any other area even if its non exclusive. We would like to be able to explore the viability of tanner fisheries in Area D in the future as we are receiving reports of rebounding stocks.

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