<u>PROPOSAL 428</u> - 5 AAC 34.905(c). Description of Registration Area Q districts. Amend this regulation as follows:

(c)(1) Norton Sound Section: waters north of the latitude of Cape Romanzof (61°49 N. lat.) and south of the latitude of (66°N. lat). Just north of the straits.

Repeal (3) and Kotzebue Sound section: all remaining waters of the district.

PROBLEM: Crab districts, crab management.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The two subdistricts on the Norton Sound side of the straits split crab stocks.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Yes. It will add to our supply of king crab growing for larger market share.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Norton Sound crab fleet/Kotzebue crab fleet.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Q4 has a ten-mile closed water around inhabited islands, fish outside closed waters may have a small impact on users.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

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