

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of board member Morisky
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Substitute language for Proposal 80

5 AAC 47.090(d) and (i) are amended to read:

5 AAC 47.090. George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.

(d) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 47.035(c) , no more than six pots per registered sport fishing operator [TWO POTS PER VESSEL] may be used and each pot may be lifted no more than three times per day. A pot lifted more than twice must be removed from the water on the third lifting and not returned to the water until the next calendar day. Pots may be set, but not pulled, by a separate designated support vessel that does not carry clients and is not otherwise used for fishing while designated as a support vessel. The department must be notified in writing of any support vessel designation before the support vessel is used to set pots. The vessel remains designated as a support vessel for the remainder of the calendar year unless the department is notified in writing that the designation is terminated.

(i) The commissioner may close the fishery by emergency order, or close and immediately reopen the fishery with additional conditions by emergency order, if the commissioner determines that a closure or additional conditions are reasonably necessary for the protection of the resource. The commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery if the personal use Dungeness crab fishery in the area is closed. The commissioner may reduce the number of allowable pots or the number of allowable lifts, or both, if more than one sport fishing operator [THREE VESSELS] register for the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.