

Council Motion

Staff Tasking – Kodiak Tanner crab

June 11, 2023

The Council requests the following information to inform potential GOA Tanner crab protections.

- Information by target fishery and gear type (PTR, NPT, POT) in statistical areas 525702 and 525630 from 2019-2023 on:
 - Groundfish harvest
 - Tanner crab bycatch
 - Number and proportion of trips covered by an observer or Electronic Monitoring
- Current Tanner and king crab distribution in the Kodiak District and to the extent practicable, the proportion of the surveyed abundance of Kodiak District Tanner and king crab in:
 - Statistical areas 525702 and 525630
 - The Marmot Bay Tanner Crab Protection Area
 - The Type I Closure Areas: Marmot Flats Area, Alitak Flats and Towers Areas
 - The Type II Closure Areas: Barnabas and Chirikof Island Area
- Options to implement full monitoring requirements in statistical areas 525702 and 525630 through the current partial coverage observer and EM programs or pay as you go for trawl and pot gear.