

5 AAC 34.410. FISHING SEASONS. Male king crab may be taken or possessed only as follows:

(2) during seasons that shall be established by emergency order to open between November 15 and December 15, male king crab 7½ inches (191 mm) or greater in width of shell may be taken or possessed.

5 AAC 34.420. SIZE LIMITS. Male king crab seven inches (178 mm) or greater in width of shell may be taken or possessed with the following exceptions:

(2) male king crab 7½ inches (191 mm) or greater in width of shell may be taken or possessed as provided in 5 AAC 34.410(2).

5 AAC 34.460. KODIAK KING CRAB MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) The Kodiak King crab fishery shall be managed according to the guidelines set forth in this section.

(b) Individual king crab stocks will be managed to the extent possible as a single unit through out their range. The Department should avoid small area closures that will leave a portion of a stock open to fishery. *as much as possible*

(c) Exploitation rates will be set according to the *general* guidelines set forth in the following table:

Comparison of exploitation rates of legal crab given relative population size and recruitment and post-recruitment abundance levels.

Population size	Recruitment abundance	Approximate exploitation rates of legal crab at given levels of post-recruits		
		Low*	Moderate**	High***
Depressed	Declining	20	25	25
	Stable	30	30	35
	Increasing	30	30	35
Average	Declining	40	40	40
	Stable	40	45	45
	Increasing	40	50	50
Peak	Declining	40	45	50
	Stable	50	55	60
	Increasing	60	60	60

* Low = less than 1/3 of total population (lbs.)

** Moderate = 1/3 - 2/3 of total population

*** High = over 2/3 of total population

(d) The Department shall manage the harvest during the season described in 5 AAC 34.410(1) (early season) so that approximately ten percent of the estimated harvest for each stock will be retained to provide for a harvest during the season described in 5 AAC 34.410(2) (late season).

(e) ~~The late season will open on November 15~~ ^{between and December 15} if the Northeast, Southeast and Southwest districts have closed before that date. Between November 15 and December 14 the late season will open after the closure of the early season. The late season shall open no later than December 15.

The late season will open between the dates of November 15 to December 15, providing that a significant portion of the season harvestables have been attained in the southeast, northeast, and southwest districts. The late season shall open no later than December 15.