











## **Alaska Board of Fisheries**

Kodiak finfish, January 9-12, 2024. Proposals of interest:

- Proposal 52 – Establish a new Kodiak Area commercial sablefish fishery: Failed.
- Proposal 53 – Allow longline slinky pots for Pacific cod during the state water fishery: Failed.

Upcoming Board of Fisheries meetings:

[Upper Cook Inlet finfish](#), February 23-March 6, 2024, Anchorage. Written comments are due February 8, 2024.

## **Invasive Species**

European Green Crab (EGC), a high-risk global invader that can devastate coastal marine ecosystems by displacing native species, degrading and disturbing native habitats (including eelgrass which is important for many species such as juvenile salmon), and altering food webs. EGC were initially established in Alaska in 2022 and since then, community-based early detection monitoring for the species has expanded and over 3,000 EGC have been trapped. To increase response readiness, ADF&G partnered with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Metlakatla Indian Community to update the Early Detection and Rapid Response Plan for European Green Crab (*C. maenas*) in Alaska. A desk-based mock response exercise was held in Homer, Alaska in August 2023 that brought together stakeholders to discuss jurisdictions and authorities, capacity, and to outline an incident command system approach to responding to new detections of EGC in areas of particularly high value. Additional information can be found at:

[https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=invasiveprofiles.europeangreencrab\\_impacts](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=invasiveprofiles.europeangreencrab_impacts).