

Council Motion
D2 GOA Tanner crab protections
February 12, 2024

The Council requests an expanded discussion paper to inform potential closures to protect Gulf Tanner crab. The paper should also include the following:

- Staff should work with ADF&G to identify the areas of highest Tanner crab abundance inside the Barnabas gully in statistical areas 525702 and 525630 for consideration of a smaller closure area.
- Consider modifications to existing closures off the east side of Kodiak Island to consider comprehensive impacts of closures on groundfish fleet.
- Tanner crab distribution in the Kodiak District and to the extent practicable, the proportion of annual surveyed abundance of Kodiak District Tanner crab from 2012 to 2023 in statistical areas 525702 and 525630.
- Updated tables for trawl (PTR, NPT) and Pacific cod pot (POT) pot gear groundfish harvests and Tanner crab PSC from 2012 to 2023. Separate tables for catcher vessels and catcher processors as possible given confidentiality rules.
- Value of the NPT, PTR, POT groundfish and directed Tanner crab fisheries in statistical areas 525702 and 525630 and the Central Gulf of Alaska.
- NPT, PTR, POT groundfish and directed Tanner crab fishery landings by month and the resulting impacts of fishery timing on processing capacity in Kodiak.