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Hearing on 2/26 - Tabled for a week
Committee asked Penroyer to get info about how this
could be accomplished by emergency F&A regulation

Background
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(4) on the western Copper River delta and in Orca Inlet in the Prince William Sound area.

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Authority: AS 16.05.251(2) and (4)

5 AAC 38.055. GEAR FOR SCALLOPS. (a) Scallops may be taken by trawls or scallop dredges.

(b) Scallop dredge rings with less than four-inch (101 mm) inside diameter shall not be carried aboard scallop fishing vessels.

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5 AAC 38.060. GEAR FOR OCTOPI AND SQUID. Legal gear as defined in 5 AAC 39.105, including pot gear as described in chs. 31, 32, 34 and 35 of this title, may be used to take octopi and squid.

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5 AAC 38.061. SEASON FOR OCTOPI AND SQUID. There is no closed season for octopi and squid.

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5 AAC 38.062. PERMITS FOR SEA CUCUMBERS, SEA URCHINS AND SEA SNAILS. Prior to taking sea cucumbers, sea urchins or sea snails, a permit shall be obtained from the commissioner. An application for a permit shall specify the location of the intended

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5 AAC 38.070. REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS. A vessel being registered for miscellaneous shellfish pursuant to sec. 20 of this chapter shall, if properly licensed and otherwise in compliance with regulations, be issued a registration certificate. The registration certificate shall be signed by the registrant, kept immediately available at all times during fishing operations and shall be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Department of Fish and Game or the Department of Public Safety.

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