



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Source**

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**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Prohibiting crab processing on commercial crab fishing vessels.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

\* Section 1. The legislature finds that in order to adequately conserve the state's crab resources, protect the quality of the processed Alaska crab, and assure the orderly enforcement of regulations relating to the harvest of crab in the state, crab processing on board commercial fishing vessels must be strictly controlled.

\* Sec. 2. AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 16.05.685. PROCESSING ON COMMERCIAL CRAB FISHING VESSELS. (a) It is unlawful to process any species of crab on a commercial crab fishing vessel unless

(1) the vessel remains within one registration area from the time the crab is caught to the time of dock delivery;

(2) the operator of the vessel notifies the department of proposed changes in location before moving to another registration area; and

(3) the operator of the vessel provides quarters for inspectors of the department who may inspect the crab catch on the vessel at any time.

(b) The restrictions set out in (a) of this section do not apply to processing aboard the fishing vessel for and as donations to charity, for consumption aboard the vessel, or for dockside retail sales from the vessel.

(c) In this section,

(1) "process" means to butcher, cook, chill, or freeze crab for commercial use;

(2) "registration area" means a specific king crab registration area as designated by regulation of the Board of Fish and Game and includes the Bering Sea shellfish area and the western Aleutian Islands king crab area.