

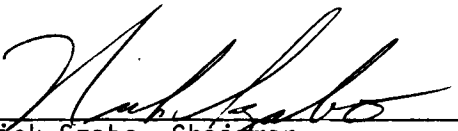
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Policy #79-46-FB

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON SMALL SHRIMP

It is the intent of the Board of Fisheries that the harvest of any portion of a shrimp stock comprised predominantly of shrimp less than two years of age be discouraged.

The Board encourages the staff of the Department of Fish and Game to determine the distribution of these age groups in commercial fishing areas and to evaluate the incidence of these age groups in the commercial fishery. The Board recognizes that the harvest of a small proportion of these age groups is unavoidable; however, intense fishing pressure on segregated schools of small shrimp may jeopardize future brood stocks. The Board directs the staff of the Department to take whatever corrective action necessary when harvesting small shrimp is determined to be biologically unsound.



Nick Szabo, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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