

PROPOSAL 107 - 5 AAC 31.136. Closed waters in Registration Area A. Close a portion of District 8 near Petersburg to commercial pot shrimp fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 31.136 CLOSED WATERS IN REGISTRATION AREA A. Shrimp may not be taken **(6) with trawls and pots in the waters of Frederick Sound from Point Frederick to a point northeast of the Sukoi Islands of 56° 54.467' N latitude and 132° 54.324' W longitude and along 56° 54.467' N latitude to a point on Kupreanof Island, and that portion of Wrangell Narrows north of the latitude of Green Point.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The intensity of the commercial pot fishery and the duration of the trawl shrimp fishery immediately adjacent to the City of Petersburg reduces the opportunities and availability of spot prawns, pink shrimp, coonstripe shrimp, and to a lesser degree sidestripe shrimp to personal use users. A small commercial closure around the community will provide for the personal use of shrimp that are currently reduced by commercial harvests and seasons in the area.

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