

PROPOSAL 93 - 5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area; and 5 AAC 77.660. Personal use shrimp fishery. Establish a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in waters of Section 11-A, as follows:

5 AAC 47.021(e) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(e) In the waters of District 11, as described in 5 AAC 33.200(k),

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(3) if sport fishing for shrimp in the waters described in 5 AAC 33.200 as Section 11-A, a harvest recording form is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.016.

5 AAC 77.660 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 AAC 77.660. Personal use shrimp fishery. In the personal use taking of shrimp,

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(7) in the waters described in 5 AAC 33.200 as Section 11-A, shrimp may be taken only under the authority of a permit issued under 5 AAC 77.015; only one permit may be issued to a household each year; a permit holder shall record harvest information on forms provided by the department.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to low shrimp abundance as indicated by declining commercial fishery catch per unit of effort in Section 11-A, the commercial fishery was closed in 2013 to allow the shrimp stock to rebuild. In addition, the department closed the sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in Section 11-A by emergency order on July 1, 2013. There are limited personal use and sport fishery harvest data available for this area; however, creel census data from 2003–2007 indicate that combined sport and personal use fishery harvests were equal to commercial harvests during that time. This proposal seeks to improve effort and harvest information for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in Section 11-A when these fisheries are reopened.

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