

**PROPOSAL 216**

**5 AAC 55.055. Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan.**

Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1, as follows:

Participants in the Prince William Sound non-commercial Spot Prawn Fishery must register prior to May 1.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Prince William Sound noncommercial spot prawn fishery often exceeds its yearly GHL. Currently there is no tool to give fishery managers the ability to manage to harvest effort in-season. While in-season harvest reporting is the best way to manage this fishery, at this time, adfg staff do not consider it a viable option. I propose a registration deadline of May 1 for participants in this fishery. This would at least give staff a hard number for participants which could be compared to past harvests and CPUE. GHL could then be managed to by season length.

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