

PROPOSAL 226

5 AAC 31.235. Closed waters in Registration Area E.

Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery, as follows:

Remove Number 1 from the list of closed waters in Registration Area E, to the taking of shrimp with trawl gear.

[(1) WATERS ENCLOSED BY A LINE FROM POINT WHITSHED TO POINT BENTINCK, A LINE FROM CAPE HINCHINBROOK LIGHT TO SEAL ROCKS LIGHT TO ZAIKOF POINT AT 60_ 18.48' N. LAT., 146_ 55.10' W. LONG., AND BY A LINE FROM A POINT AT 60_ 11.00' N. LAT., 147_ 20.00' W. LONG. ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF MONTAGUE ISLAND, NORTH TO A POINT AT 60_ 30.00' N. LAT., 147_ 20.00' W. LONG., THEN EAST TO A POINT AT 60_ 30.00' N. LAT., 147_ 00.00' W. LONG., THEN NORTHEAST TO KNOWLES HEAD AT 60_ 41.00' N. LAT., 146_ 37.50' W. LONG.;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal addresses current closed area waters for taking of trawl shrimp. Removal of this closed water area will update and address concerns regarding an unnecessary closure for shrimp trawling. By opening the area noted in 5 AAC 31.235 (1), an improved understanding of the trawl shrimp population stocks will be understood. This area does not have population concentrations of Tanner crab that could be affected by the opening.

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