

**PROPOSAL 227**

**5 AAC 31.211. Shrimp trawl fishing seasons for Registration Area E.**

Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery, as follows:

In Registration Area E, shrimp may be taken with trawls only from April 15 through August 15 [AND FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Change in regulation is needed to protect egged female shrimp that have not released into the water column until approximately April 1. This change in shrimp trawling season will help to maintain recruitment for the species.

**PROPOSED BY:** Whittier Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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