

## **PROPOSAL 78**

### **5 AAC 31.105. Description of Registration Area A districts and sections, and 5 AAC 31.115. Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A.**

Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas, as follows:

5 AAC 31.105(f) is amended to read:

(f) District 6: waters of Clarence Strait that are north of a line running from Narrow Point (55° 47.45' N. lat., 132° 28.57' W. long.) to Lemesurier Point (55° 46.02' N. lat., 132° 16.93' W. long.), to Ernest Point (55° 51.00' N. lat., 132° 22.21' W. long.), [AND ENDING AT] to the most southerly point on Etolin Island (55° 54.79' N. lat., 132° 21.24' W. long.), [WATERS OF] Stikine Strait [THAT ARE] south of the latitude of Round Point (56° 16.65' N. lat.), [WATERS OF] Sumner Strait [THAT ARE] west of a line from Point Alexander (56° 30.54' N. lat., 132° 56.94' W. long.) to Low Point (56° 27.18' N. lat., 132° 57.17' W. long.), and [THAT ARE] east of a line from Point Baker (56° 21.52' N. lat., 133° 37.58' W. long.) to Point Barrie (56° 26.18' N. lat., 133° 39.27' W. long.), [WATERS OF] Wrangell Narrows [THAT ARE] south and west of a line [RUNNING] from Prolewy Point (56° 50.12' N. lat., 132° 56.45' W. long.) to the northern tip of Mitkof Island (56° 49.38' N. lat., 132° 56.31' W. long.), and all waters of Duncan Canal[.];

**(1) Section 6-A: waters north of a line from the tip of Point Colpoys (56° 20.17' N. lat., 133° 11.90' W. long.) to the tip of Macnamara Point (56° 19.85' N. lat., 133° 04.00' W. long.), west of a line from the tip of Low Point (56° 27.18' N. lat., 132° 57.17' W. long.) to the tip of Point Alexander (56° 30.54' N. lat., 132° 56.94' W. long.) and east of a line from the tip of Point Barrie (56° 26.18' N. lat., 133° 39.27' W. long.) to the tip of Point Baker (56° 21.52' N. lat., 133° 37.58' W. long.);**

**(2) Section 6-B: waters south of a line from the tip of Point Colpoys (56° 20.17' N. lat., 133° 11.90' W. long.) to the tip of Macnamara Point (56° 19.85' N. lat., 133° 04.00' W. long.), north and west of a line from the tip of Luck Point (55° 59.04' N. lat., 132° 44.07' W. long.) to the tip of Point Stanhope (56° 00.69' N. lat., 132° 36.46' W. long.) to Lincoln Rock Light (56° 03.40' N. lat., 132° 41.85' W. long.) to Key Reef Light (56° 09.61' N. lat., 132° 49.78' W. long.) to Nesbitt Reef Light (56° 13.22' N. lat., 132° 51.83' W. long.) to the tip of Point Nesbitt (56° 13.92' N. lat., 132° 52.32' W. long.);**

**(3) Section 6-C: waters enclosed by a line from Lincoln Rock Light (56° 03.40' N. lat., 132° 41.85' W. long.) to the westernmost point of Screen Islands (56° 05.60' W. lat., 132° 42.61' W. long.) to the westernmost point of Marsh Island (56° 06.98' N. lat., 132° 43.20' W. long.) to the westernmost point of Steamer Rocks (56° 08.41' N. lat., 132° 43.64' W. long.) to Mariposa Rock Buoy (56° 10.67' N. lat., 132° 44.35' W. long.) to the tip of Point Nesbitt (56° 13.92' N. lat., 132° 52.32' W. long.) to Nesbitt Reef Light to Key Reef Light (56° 13.22' N. lat., 132° 51.83' W. long.) to Lincoln Rock Light (56° 03.40' N. lat., 132° 41.85' W. long.);**

**(4) Section 6-D: all other waters of the district.**

5 AAC 31.105(h) is amended to read:

(h) District 8: waters of Frederick Sound that are south of a line running from Wood Point (56° 59.47' N. lat., 132° 56.97' W. long.) to Beacon Point (56° 56.36' N. lat., 132° 59.74'

**W. long., [BUT NOT INCLUDING] excluding Wrangell Narrows), [WATERS OF] Sumner Strait [THAT ARE] east of a line [RUNNING] from Point Alexander (56° 30.54' N. lat., 132° 56.94' W. long.) to Low Point (56° 27.18' N. lat., 132° 57.17' W. long.), [WATERS OF] Stikine Strait [THAT ARE] north of the latitude of Round Point (56° 16.65' N. lat.), [WATERS OF] Zimovia Strait [THAT ARE] north of the latitude of Nemo Point (56° 22.97' N. Lat., 132° 24.28' W. long.), and [WATERS OF] Eastern Passage [THAT ARE] west of a line [RUNNING] from Hour Point (56° 27.80' N. lat., 132° 16.63' W. long.) to Babbler Point (56° 29.08' W. lat., 132° 17.36' W. long.).**

**(1) Section 8-A: the waters of the district north of a line from Blaquiere Point (56° 35.06' N. lat., 132° 32.54' W. long.) to Kakwan Point (56° 41.62' N. lat., 132° 13.12' W. long.);**

**(2) Section 8-B: the waters of the district south of a line from Blaquiere Point (56° 35.06' N. lat., 132° 32.54' W. long.) to Kakwan Point (56° 41.62' N. lat., 132° 13.12' W. long.);**

5 AAC 31.105(j) is amended to read:

(j) District 10: [WATERS OF] Frederick Sound, [and of] Stephens Passage, **and contiguous waters** [THAT ARE] north of a line from Beacon Point (56° 56.36' N. lat., 132° 59.74' W. long.) to Wood Point (56° 59.47' N. lat., 132° 56.97' W. long.), east of a line from Point Macartney (57° 01.49' N. lat., 134° 03.51' W. long.) to the southern tip of Elliott Island (57° 15.20' N. lat., 134° 03.72' W. long.), [AND] north of the latitude of the southern tip of Elliott Island (57° 15.20' N. lat., 134° 03.72' W. long.), [WATERS OF] Seymour Canal [THAT ARE] south of 57°37' N. lat., and [WATERS OF STEPHENS PASSAGE THAT ARE] south of a line [RUNNING] from Point League (57° 37.76' N. lat., 133° 40.47' W. long.) to Point Hugh (57° 34.21' N. lat., 133° 48.58' W. long.).

**(1) Section 10-A: waters of the district west of line from Pinta Point (57° 05.90' N. lat., 133° 53.40' W. long.) to 57° 12.60' N. lat., 133° 53' W. long., to a point on the line extending from Pinta Point to False Point Pybus (57° 22.10' N. lat., 133° 51.79' W. long.), to the northernmost tip of Akusha Island (57° 18.40' N. lat., 133° 39.28' W. long.) to McDonald Rock light (57° 25.10' N. lat., 133° 52.55' W. long.), to 57° 36' N. lat., 133° 44.76' W. long.;**

**(2) Section 10-B: waters of the district north of a line from Pinta Point (57° 05.90' N. lat., 133° 53.40' W. long.) to Cape Fanshaw (57° 11.12' N. lat., 133° 35.40' W. long.) and east of line from Pinta Point to 57° 12.60' N. lat., 133° 53' W. long., to a point on the line extending from Pinta Point to False Point Pybus (57° 22.10' N. lat., 133° 51.79' W. long.), to the northernmost tip of Akusha Island (57° 18.40' N. lat., 133° 39.28' W. long.) to McDonald Rock light (57° 25.10' N. lat., 133° 52.55' W. long.), to 57° 36' N. lat., 133°44.76' W. long.;**

**(3) Section 10-C: waters of the district east of a line from Pinta Point (57° 05.90' N. lat., 133° 53.40' W. long.) to Cape Fanshaw (57° 11.12' N. lat., 133° 35.40' W. long.);**

5 AAC 31.115(a)(6) is amended to read:

(6) District 6: [0 – 82,000 pounds of spot shrimp;]

**(A) Sections 6-B, 6-C, and 6-D combined: 0–60,000 pounds of spot shrimp;**

5 AAC 31.115(a)(8) is amended to read:

(8) District 8: [0 – 28,000 pounds of spot shrimp;]

**(A) Sections 8-A and 10-C combined: 0–20,000 pounds of spot shrimp;**

**(B) Sections 8-B and 6-A combined: 0–25,000 pounds of spot shrimp;**

5 AAC 31.115(a)(10) is amended to read:

(10) District 10: [0 – 58,000 pounds of spot shrimp;]

**(A) Sections 10-A and 10-B combined: 0–50,000 pounds of spot shrimp;**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Commercial pot shrimp fishing areas were originally determined using salmon fishing districts and sections. District 8 encompasses two separate water bodies (Frederick Sound and Sumner Strait) that are divided by Mitkof Island. The shrimp stocks in these two water bodies are separate and are closer linked to portions of Districts 6 and 10. This proposal would separate District 8 and combine the separated portions to portions of districts 6 and 10. The result will be all of eastern Frederick Sound will be managed as one area and all of eastern Sumner Strait will be managed as another area, thereby allowing the department to better manage shrimp populations in these areas.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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