

**PROPOSAL 238**

**5 AAC 55.055. Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan; 5 AAC 31.210. Shrimp pot fishing seasons for Registration Area E; 5 AAC 31.211. Shrimp trawl fishing seasons for Registration Area E; and 5 AAC 02.210. Subsistence shrimp fishery.** Close the commercial and noncommercial shrimp fisheries in Prince William Sound, as follows:

Close shrimping season until mid summer or later.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The board should close personal use and commercial shrimp fishing in Prince William sound to minimize the traffic through Whittier and other towns related to this activity which has significant risk of spreading Covid –19. The mandates by the governor should already include this because there should not be any interstate travel or travel to other communities however based off the numbers to the Whittier tunnel this is clearly not being observed. Unless the seasons are closed the mandates are going to clearly be ignored. Articles have been written as to the hi risk of the Whittier Township due to 80% living in one complex. Lives lost are not worth personal use and commercial shrimping in Prince William sound.

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