PROPOSAL 248

5 AAC 31.211. Shrimp trawl fishing seasons in Registration Area E.

Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp trawl fishery, as follows:

5 AAC 31.211. Shrimp trawl fishing seasons for Registration Area E In Registration Area E, shrimp may be taken with trawls only from [APRIL 15] **March 15** through August 15 and from September 15th through December 31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The trawl shrimp fishery has been underutilized for a very long time by local residents as many potential participants are mostly busy with salmon fisheries during the majority of the current season. An earlier start date would allow additional participation for local fishermen before salmon fishing begins in May.

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