

PROPOSAL 253

5 AAC 31.243. Trawl shrimp harvest and reporting requirements in Registration Area E.

Increase pink shrimp harvest allowance in Prince William Sound, as follows:

Allowing fishermen to retain all the pink shrimp they harvest will allow them to begin working on developing markets for these shrimp, and explore areas with high pink shrimp abundance giving the department information on districts that have not been fished in many years.

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[(A) NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, OF THE SHRIMP ON BOARD A VESSEL MAY BE PINK SHRIMP OR OTHER PANDALID SPECIES OF SHRIMP.]

(a) No more than 20 percent, by weight, of shrimp species other than pink or side stripe may be on board a vessel.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulations make no incentive for fishermen to retain pink shrimp as every other species of shrimp is more valuable. In the 1980's there was a robust fishery for pink shrimp in PWS with harvests of up to 1.3 million lbs. Since then there has been little or no effort in these areas.

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