

PROPOSAL 177

5 AAC 31.136. Closed waters in Registration Area A.

Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows:

Hydaburg LAC proposes to close the following waters to commercial shrimp fisheries.

5 AAC 31.105 Commercial Shrimp

(1) Section 3-A: waters of district 3 south and east of a line through Tlevak Narrows beginning at the eastern most tip of Turn Point at 55° 15.78' N. lat, 133° 07.23' W. long., to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 55° 15.75' N. lat., 133° 06.43' W. long., including Soda bay and its contiguous water, but excluding all waters of Meares Pass and its contiguous waters, AS WELL AS EXCLUDING SUKWAAN STRAITS FROM ROUND POINT 55° 12.5064; -132.688544 ACROSS TO EEK POINT 55° 13.770; -132.666874 NORTH TO THE HEAD OF NATZUHINI BAY 55° 27.0024; -132.849299 EXTENDING WEST TO THE OPENINGS OF NORTH PASS 55° 21.0175; -132.961267 TO 55° 20.7138; -132.938232 AND SOUTH PASS 55.168517; -132.893346 TO 55° 16.3067; -132.890543.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Hydaburg LAC would like to close the commercial fishery in the waters adjacent to the community of Hydaburg. There has been a drastic decline in the shrimp available in the inside waters to personal use shrimp fisherman. Closing the waters to commercial shrimpers will give the shrimp time to rebuild the stocks in area.

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