

PROPOSAL 245

5 AAC 31.214. Shrimp pot guideline harvest level for Registration Area E.

Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season, as follows:

I propose that after the annual guideline harvest level (GHL) for the fishery is biologically determined, then an adjustment to the GHL be made as follows:

If in the previous year there was an underharvest, then the amount of that underharvest (lbs) be added to the biologically determined GHL, and the result of that will be the adjusted GHL for the year.

Conversely, if in the previous year there was an overharvest, then the amount of that overharvest (lbs) be deducted from the biologically determined GHL, and the result of that will be the adjusted GHL for the year.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The commercial catch of PWS Spot shrimp has several times significantly underharvested the allotted GHL, which has not allowed them to exploit their full quota.

This is like a penalty, as the shrimp biomass was not allowed to be utilized.

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