

PROPOSAL 226

5 AAC 31.115. Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A and 5 AAC 31.124 Lawful shrimp pot gear for Registration Area A..

Provide for further conservation in the shrimp pot fishery by reducing all GHLS by 20%, reducing the number of pots allowed by 40–50%, and eliminating the large pot size.

Reduce ALL area GHLS 20 %

gear reduction of 40-50 % per permit , (eliminate the large pot size over a 3 yr period)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? It's clear that the SE pot shrimp stocks are in stress as evidenced by small shrimp carrying eggs and the survey results. Having fished this fishery since the 90s.I have seen the steady decline in size and health of stocks. I feel a more aggressive conservation effort needs implemented.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. For many years I have had discussions with other fishermen about the health of the stocks, in general the longer participation fishers have seen dramatic negative changes in the stocks and feel the fleet is to large and fishing the same grounds to hard for the available resource.

I have spoken to many managers over the years about my one other's concerns.

I do not feel shutting the fishery down is the right option, gear reduction along with permits stacking seems a better option.

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