

Shrimp

PROPOSAL 222

5 AAC 02.110. Subsistence Shrimp Fishery; 5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area; and 5 AAC 77.660 Personal Use shrimp fishery.

Adopt seasonal closures for subsistence, sport, and personal use shrimp fisheries, as follows:

5 AAC 02.110 is amended to read:

(6) Shrimp may only be taken May 1 through Feb 28.

5 AAC 47.020 (16) is amended to read:

(16) shrimp: may **only** be taken from **May 1** [JANUARY 1] – **February 28** [DECEMBER 31] only under a permit issued by the department; a harvest recording form under 5 AAC 75.016 is required; bag and possession limit of three pounds or three quarts; no annual limit.

5 AAC 77.660 (1) is amended to read:

(1) **Season and possession limit**

(A) Shrimp may only be taken from May 1 through Feb 28.

(B) Except as provided in (7) and (8) of this section, there **are** [IS NO CLOSED SEASON AND] no bag and possession limits;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? March and April compose a biologically sensitive period for pandalid shrimp when eggs mature and hatch. Best fishing practices dictate that fishing during such periods should be avoided to enhance long term stock resilience. For this reason, the regional commercial shrimp pot fishery has had season closures during this time for many years. The magnitude of the regional subsistence, sport, and personal use harvest of spot shrimp was largely unknown until 2018 when permit and harvest reporting was required for these fisheries . Recent harvest data show that collectively these fisheries make up between 19% and 26% of the total annual spot shrimp harvest. Implementing a seasonal closure during this biologically sensitive period is likely to benefit the sustainability of Southeast shrimp pot fisheries and is especially pertinent given recent regional declines in spot shrimp abundance.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

(HQ-F24-150)

PROPOSAL 223

5 AAC 02.110. Subsistence Shrimp Fishery; 5 AAC 47.035; Methods, means, and general provisions - Shellfish; and 5 AAC 77.660. Personal Use Shrimp Fishery.

Increase the tunnel size for sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp pots.

Proposal:

Change the wording in the following sections of 5 AAC to change the permitted size of openings in shrimp pot tunnels in the Southeast Alaska Area.

Subsistence Shellfish:

5 AAC 02.110. Subsistence shrimp fishery

In the subsistence taking of shrimp,

- (1) a pot used to take shrimp must have
- (A) no more than four tunnel eye openings; a tunnel eye opening may not exceed (15) **16** inches in perimeter;
 - (B) a bottom perimeter of no more than 153 inches; and
 - (C) a volume of no more than 25 cubic feet;

Sport Fish:

5 AAC 47.035 (k)1 Subsistence shrimp fishery

In the subsistence taking of shrimp,

- (1) a pot used to take shrimp must have
- (A) no more than four tunnel eye openings; a tunnel eye opening may not exceed (15) **16** inches in perimeter;
 - (B) a bottom perimeter of no more than 153 inches; and
 - (C) a volume of no more than 25 cubic feet;

Personal Use Shellfish:

5 AAC 77.660 (5)(5) a pot used to take shrimp under this chapter must have

- (A) no more than four tunnel eye openings; no tunnel eye opening may exceed (15) **16** inches in perimeter;
- (B) a bottom perimeter of no more than 153 inches; and
- (C) a volume of no more than 25 cubic feet;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current regulations discriminate against fishers that harvest shrimp with rigid mesh pots by limiting the area tunnel openings may have compared to non-rigid pots. This is because a circular opening found on non-rigid pots allows for a greater area than a rectangular opening of the same perimeter or circumference commonly found in a rigid pot.

We would like to have the openings allowed in rigid mesh pots closer in size to non-rigid pots. Current regulations allow openings of up to 17.9 square inches for non-rigid pots. Rigid pots are currently limited to 10 square inches if the pot tunnel has standard 1" mesh. Many rigid pots are already manufactured with openings that measure 2" by 6" which equals 16" of perimeter. We are proposing making the perimeter of the opening one inch larger than the current regulation, 16".

This change would allow the opening in a rigid pot to be exactly the same as the biological escape mechanism required for the pots. The funnel openings on non-rigid pots already exceed the escape mechanism size. Therefore, there should not be a concern with increased bycatch with rigid pots.

The Math:

Present regulations:

Circumference of circle (C) = $2\pi r$

15" = $2(3.14)r$

radius = 2.38 inches.

(The new radius could be up to 2.54".)

Maximum area of a (current) non-rigid pot tunnel opening.
Area of a circle with a 15” perimeter (circumference) (A) = πr^2
A = 3.14(2.38)(2.38) = **17.9 square inches**
(The new area could be up to **20.25 square inches.**)

Maximum area of the proposed rigid pot tunnel opening.
Area of a rectangle = base x height
Proposed size:
A = **6” x 2” = 12 square inches**
Perimeter = **16”**

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. The EPOW discussed and submitted this proposal.

PROPOSED BY: East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-027)

PROPOSAL 224

5 AAC 31.110. Shrimp pot fishing seasons and periods for Registration Area A.

Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date back to October 1.

My solution is... to return the spot shrimp pot season back to the traditional October first opening date.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the spot shrimp season in southeast back to its historical October first opening date.

Why...flawed bof Covid decision, after multiple venue changes. There was no general knowledge that this proposal was out there among spot shrimp permit holders. This proposal would have been fought tooth & nail if meeting was held on schedule. In southeast.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I developed this proposal with consultation with all the other longtime spot shrimp pot permit holders in southeast that I know. No one that I'm aware of that's participated in the October fishery was in favor of changing to a may opening & completely loosing the fishery for 2022.

The local advisory committee is not knowledgeable on this issue.

PROPOSED BY: Robert T. Mosher (EF-F24-042)

PROPOSAL 225

5 AAC 31.110. Shrimp pot fishing season and periods for Registration Area A.

Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date to October 1 or to another start date in late summer/early fall.

Change the start date back to October 1. Alternatively, September 15, September 1 and August 15 would also be acceptable dates.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The change in season start date from Oct 1 to May 15 in the 2022 Board of Fisheries meeting effectively transferred the entire shrimp fishery over to commercial users. Many Sport and Personal Use fisherman are not able to go prior to the May 15th opening, after which shrimp numbers are dramatically lower as the commercial fishery is executed very quickly. Furthermore, the rationale that taking of females when they don't have eggs is beneficial to the population is not sound logic, as it is the taking of females **at any time** that is detrimental to the population. Taking females without eggs in May lowers the reproductive capacity of the population the same as the taking of females with unreleased eggs in October.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Submitted via Territorial Sportsmen Inc of Juneau

PROPOSED BY: Territorial Sportsmen Inc (EF-F24-101)

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.

PROPOSED BY: Mark Hofmann (EF-F24-061)

PROPOSAL 227

5 AAC 31.124. Lawful shrimp pot gear for Registration Area A.

Allow for more than one CFEC shrimp pot permit holder to fish from the same vessel and jointly operate pot gear in aggregate of no more than 50% allowed gear for the additional permit.

Allow stacking of permits to eventually reduce the overall number of pots fishing while leaving reasonable access/ entry for single permit /new entrants.
the stacked permit would have a pot value of no greater than 50% of the base permit

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Over capacity of pot shrimp permits. The stocks are at a low level and need less pressure.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Discussed with other fisherman

PROPOSED BY: Mark Hofmann

(EF-F24-063)

PROPOSAL 228

5 AAC 31.124. Lawful shrimp pot gear for registration Area A.

Redefine legal shrimp pot requirements to allow for the use slinky pots.

5AAC 31.124. Lawful shrimp pot gear for Registration Area A

(a) Shrimp may be taken with pots in Registration Area A only as specified in this section. A shrimp pot may be a traditional cone style pot or a coil spring style pot, commonly known as slinky pot.

(b) A cone style shrimp pot

(1) may not have

(A) more than one bottom;

(B) a vertical height of more than 24 inches;

(C) more than four tunnel eye openings which individually do not exceed 15 inches in perimeter;

or

(D) a bottom perimeter exceeding a perimeter specified in (e) of this section

(2) the sides of a cone style shrimp pot may only be

(A) at a right angle to the plane of the bottom of the pot; or

(B) slanted inward toward the center of the pot in a straight line from the bottom of the pot to the top of the pot.

(c) a slinky pot style shrimp pot

(1) may not have

(A) a vertical diameter of more than 24 inches;

(B) a horizontal length of more than 48 inches;

(C) more than two tunnel eye openings which individually do not exceed 15 inches in perimeter

(d) a shrimp pot must be entirely covered with net webbing or rigid mesh. At least two adjacent sides or 50 percent of the vertical or near-vertical sides must be covered with net webbing or rigid mesh that allows the passage of a seven-eighths inch diameter by 12 inch long wooden dowel, which upon insertion into the web, must drop completely through by its own weight, without force. In the waters of Lituya Bay, enclosed by a line from the easternmost tip of Harbor Point to the Southernmost tip of LaChaussee Spit there is no minimum mesh size.

(e) Shrimp pots may be operated only as follows:

(1) repealed 7/18/2003

(2) the number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a registered shrimp fishing vessel is 140 slinky pots, 140 small pots, or 100 large pots; for the purposes of this section,

- (A) a "slinky pot" style shrimp pot conforms with (c) of this section;
- (B) a small pot has a bottom perimeter of no more than 124 inches;
- (C) a "large pot" has a bottom perimeter of more than 124 inches, but not more than 153 inches;
- (3) if all pots on board a vessel or operated from a vessel are of the same type and of the same size as defined in (2)(A) or (2)(B) of this subsection 140 pots may be operated from the vessel, if any of the pots on board or operated from a vessel are of the same type and size as defined in (2)(C) of this subsection only 100 pots may be operated from the vessel;
- (4) a vessel operator may have only shrimp pot gear owned by that person on board the vessel at any time;
- (5) shrimp pot gear may be deployed or retrieved only from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day; the commissioner may close, by emergency order, the fishing season in a district or a portion of a district and immediately reopen the season during which the time period allowed to deploy and retrieve shrimp pot gear may be increased or decreased to achieve the guideline harvest range;
- (6) all shrimp pots left in saltwater unattended longer than a two-week period must have all bait containers removed and all doors secured fully open.
- (f) A registered shrimp vessel may not have, at anytime in the aggregate, more than the legal limit of shrimp pot gear on board the vessel, in the water in fishing condition, and in the water in nonfishing condition, including commercial and non commercial shrimp pots as described in 5 AAC 31.128(b).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The regulation defining legal pot gear for shrimp in Registration Area A is very detailed and specific. It details a traditional cone style shrimp pot and makes other types of pots unlawful if they do not conform. My company has been selling a coil spring shrimp pot, commonly known as a slinky pot, for use in the Personal use shrimp fishery and have recieved interest in the slinky shrimp pot from commercial users, but as written 38.124 makes them unlawful for commercial use.

The slinky shrimp pot collapses flat and is very light weight making it an ideal pot for small vessels. In writing this regulation I also adjusted (e)(3) to allow a vessel to use a portion of their gear as slinky pots and a portion as cone pots so they did not have to invest in an entire new string of gear to enjoy the space and weight benifits of a slinky type pot.

The slinky type shrimp pot we currently sell for personal use is 18 inches in diameter and 36 inches in length and has a volume of 9,160 cubic inches. I have set the size limit of the commercial slinky shrimp pot at 24 inches in diameter and 48 inches in length which gives it a volume of 21,715 cubic inches. This is still well below the volume of the small shrimp pot at 26,507 cubic inches, so I have put the pot limit of slinky type shrimp pots at 140 pots.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. Conversations with ADF&G staff and SE shrimp permit holders.

PROPOSED BY: Jared Bright (EF-F24-146)

PROPOSAL 229
5 AAC 31.105. Description of Registration Area A districts and sections 5 AAC 31.115. Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A, 5 AAC 33.200. Fishing districts and sections, 5 AAC 32.105. Description of Registration Area A districts, 5 AAC 38.076. Alaska Scallop Fishery Management Plan, and 5 AAC 38.105. Description of Registration Area A districts and sections.

Repeal redundant descriptions of Southeast Alaska districts and sections in 5 AAC 31.105, update 33.200 with District 10 section descriptions, add Section 6-E to District 6 shrimp pot fishing areas, and update regulations that refer to 5 AAC 31.105, as follows:

5AAC 31.105 is amended to read:

5 AAC 31.105. Description of Registration Area A districts and sections. **Registration Area A districts and sections are described in 5 AAC 33.200.**

[(A) DISTRICT 1: WATERS EAST AND NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAAMANO POINT AT 55° 29.85' N. LAT., 131° 58.21' W. LONG., THEN SOUTH TO A POINT IN DIXON ENTRANCE AT 54° 40.00' N. LAT., 131° 45.00' W. LONG., AND WATERS NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM 54° 40.00' N. LAT., 131° 45.00' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.48' N. LAT., 130° 36.92' W. LONG.

(B) DISTRICT 2: WATERS SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE EASTERNMOST TIP OF NARROW POINT AT 55° 47.00' N. LAT., 132° 28.23' W. LONG., TO LEMESURIER POINT, AT 55° 46.02' N. LAT., 132° 16.94' W. LONG., WATERS WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAAMANO POINT AT 55° 29.85' N. LAT., 131° 58.21' W. LONG., THEN DUE SOUTH TO A POINT IN DIXON ENTRANCE AT 54° 40.00' N. LAT., 131° 45.00' W. LONG., AND WATERS EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT MARSH LIGHT AT 54° 42.70' N. LAT., 132° 17.72' W. LONG., THEN DUE SOUTH TO A POINT IN DIXON ENTRANCE AT 54° 40.00' N. LAT., 132° 17.50' W. LONG.

(C) DISTRICT 3: WATERS NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT MARSH LIGHT AT 54° 42.70' N. LAT., 132° 17.72' W. LONG., THEN DUE SOUTH TO A POINT IN DIXON ENTRANCE AT 54° 40.00' N. LAT., 132° 41.29' W. LONG., AND ENDING AT THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE MUZON, AND WATERS EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF EAGLE POINT ON DALL ISLAND AT 55° 14.53' N. LAT., 133° 13.28' W. LONG., TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF POINT ARBOLEDA AT 55° 19.10' N. LAT., 133° 27.81' W. LONG., TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT SAN ROQUE AT 55° 20.13' N. LAT., 133° 32.70' W. LONG., TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE ULITKA AT 55° 33.76' N. LAT., 133° 43.73' W. LONG., TO CAPE LYNCH LIGHT AT 55° 46.87' N. LAT., 133° 42.10' W. LONG., AND ENDING AT THE SOUTHWEST ENTRANCE POINT OF HALIBUT HARBOR ON KOSCIUSKO ISLAND AT 55° 54.99' N. LAT., 133° 47.64' W. LONG., AND WATERS SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF ANESKETT POINT AT 56° 08.85' N. LAT.;

(1) SECTION 3-A: WATERS OF DISTRICT 3 SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE THROUGH TLEVAK NARROWS BEGINNING AT THE EASTERNMOST TIP OF TURN POINT AT 55° 15.74' N. LAT., 133° 07.33' 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 WATERS, BUT EXCLUDING ALL WATERS OF MEARES PASS AND ITS CONTIGUOUS WATERS;

(2) SECTION 3-B: WATERS OF DISTRICT 3 SOUTH OF POINT SWIFT AT 55° 45.78' N. LAT., 133° 19.57' W. LONG., INCLUDING ALL WATERS OF WARM CHUCK INLET, IPHIGENIA BAY SOUTH OF CAPE LYNCH LIGHT AT 55° 46.87' N. LAT., 133° 42.10' W. LONG., EXCLUDING ALL WATERS OF TUXEKAN PASSAGE AND ITS CONTIGUOUS WATERS, AND WATERS OF DISTRICT 3 NORTH OF A LINE THROUGH TLEVAK NARROWS BEGINNING AT THE EASTERNMOST TIP OF TURN POINT LOCATED AT 55° 15.74' N. LAT., 133° 07.33' W. LONG., TO A POINT ON PRINCE OF

WALES ISLAND AT 55° 15.70' N. LAT., 133° 06.53' W. LONG., INCLUDING ALL WATERS OF MEARES PASS AND ITS CONTIGUOUS WATERS, BUT EXCLUDING ALL WATERS OF SODA BAY AND ITS CONTIGUOUS WATERS;

(3) SECTION 3-C: WATERS OF DISTRICT 3 NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF POINT SWIFT AT 55° 45.78' N. LAT., 133° 19.57' W. LONG., INCLUDING ALL WATERS OF TUXEKAN PASSAGE AND ITS CONTIGUOUS WATERS, BUT EXCLUDING ALL WATERS OF WARM CHUCK INLET, IPHIGENIA BAY SOUTH OF CAPE LYNCH LIGHT AT 55° 46.86' N. LAT., 133° 42.10' W. LONG.

(D) DISTRICT 4: WATERS NORTH OF THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE MUZON AT 54° 39.82' N. LAT., 132° 41.29' W. LONG., WEST OF DISTRICT 3, AND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM HELM POINT ON CORONATION ISLAND AT 55° 49.59' N. LAT., 134° 16.19' W. LONG., TO CAPE LYNCH LIGHT AT 55° 46.87' N. LAT., 133° 42.10' W. LONG.

(E) DISTRICT 5: WATERS OF SUMNER STRAIT THAT ARE NORTH AND EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM CAPE DECISION TO HELM POINT, TO CAPE LYNCH, AND ENDING AT THE SOUTHWEST ENTRANCE POINT OF HALIBUT HARBOR, AND WATERS NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF ANESKETT POINT, WEST OF A LINE FROM POINT BAKER TO POINT BARRIE, AND SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT CAMDEN TO SALT POINT LIGHT IN KEKU STRAIT.

(F) DISTRICT 6: WATERS OF CLARENCE STRAIT NORTH AND EAST OF A LINE FROM NARROW POINT AT 55° 47.45' N. LAT., 132° 28.57' W. LONG., TO LEMESURIER POINT AT 55° 46.02' N. LAT., 132° 16.93' W. LONG., TO ERNEST POINT AT 55° 51.00' N. LAT., 132° 22.21' W. LONG., TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY POINT ON ETOLIN ISLAND AT 55° 54.79' N. LAT., 132° 21.24' W. LONG., WATERS OF STIKINE STRAIT SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF ROUND POINT AT 56° 16.65' N. LAT., 132° 39.44' W. LONG., WATERS OF SUMNER STRAIT WEST OF A LINE FROM POINT ALEXANDER AT 56° 30.54' N. LAT., 132° 56.94' W. LONG., TO LOW POINT AT 56° 27.18' N. LAT., 132° 57.17' W. LONG., AND EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT BAKER AT 56° 21.52' N. LAT., 133° 37.58' W. LONG., TO POINT BARRIE AT 56° 26.18' N. LAT., 133° 39.27' W. LONG., WATERS OF WRANGELL NARROWS SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM PROLEWY POINT AT 56° 50.12' N. LAT., 132° 56.45' W. LONG., TO THE NORTHERN TIP OF MITKOF ISLAND AT 56° 49.38' N. LAT., 132° 56.31' W. LONG., AND ALL WATERS OF DUNCAN CANAL;

(1) SECTION 6-A: WATERS NORTH OF A LINE FROM POINT COLPOYS AT 56° 20.17' N. LAT., 133° 11.90' W. LONG., TO MACNAMARA POINT AT 56° 19.85' N. LAT., 133° 04.00' W. LONG., WEST OF A LINE FROM LOW POINT AT 56° 27.18' N. LAT., 132° 57.17' W. LONG., TO POINT ALEXANDER AT 56° 30.54' N. LAT., 132° 56.94' W. LONG., AND EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT BARRIE AT 56° 26.18' N. LAT., 133° 39.27' W. LONG., TO POINT BAKER AT 56° 21.52' N. LAT., 133° 37.58' W. LONG.;

(2) SECTION 6-B: WATERS SOUTH OF A LINE FROM POINT COLPOYS AT 56° 20.17' N. LAT., 133° 11.90' W. LONG., TO MACNAMARA POINT AT 56° 19.85' N. LAT., 133° 04.00' W. LONG., AND NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM LUCK POINT AT 55° 59.04' N. LAT., 132° 44.07' W. LONG., TO POINT STANHOPE AT 56° 00.69' N. LAT., 132° 36.46' W. LONG., TO LINCOLN ROCK LIGHT AT 56° 03.40' N. LAT., 132° 41.85' W. LONG., TO KEY REEF LIGHT AT 56° 09.61' N. LAT., 132° 49.78' W. LONG., TO NESBITT REEF LIGHT AT 56° 13.22' N. LAT., 132° 51.83' W. LONG., TO POINT NESBITT AT 56° 13.88' N. LAT., 132° 52.33' W. LONG.;

(3) SECTION 6-C : WATERS ENCLOSED BY A LINE FROM LINCOLN ROCK LIGHT AT 56° 03.40' N. LAT., 132° 41.85' W. LONG., TO THE WESTERNMOST POINT OF SCREEN ISLANDS AT 56° 05.54' W. LAT., 132° 42.60' W. LONG., TO THE WESTERNMOST POINT OF MARSH ISLAND AT 56° 06.94' N. LAT., 132° 43.15' W. LONG., TO THE WESTERNMOST POINT OF STEAMER ROCKS AT 56° 08.41' N. LAT., 132° 43.64' W. LONG., TO MARIPOSA ROCK BUOY AT 56° 10.67' N. LAT., 132° 44.35' W. LONG., TO THE TIP OF POINT NESBITT AT 56° 13.88' N. LAT., 132° 52.33' W. LONG., TO NESBITT REEF LIGHT AT 56° 13.22' N. LAT., 132° 51.83' W. LONG., TO KEY REEF LIGHT AT 56° 09.61' N. LAT., 132° 49.78' W. LONG., TO LINCOLN ROCK LIGHT AT 56° 03.40' N. LAT., 132° 41.85' W. LONG.;

(4) SECTION 6-D: ALL WATERS OF DISTRICT 6 NOT INCLUDED IN (1) - (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(G) DISTRICT 7: WATERS OF ERNEST SOUND AND BRADFIELD CANAL THAT ARE EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM LEMESURIER POINT TO ERNEST POINT, AND ENDING AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY POINT OF ETOLIN ISLAND, WATERS OF ZIMOVIA STRAIT THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF NEMO POINT, AND WATERS OF EASTERN PASSAGE AND BLAKE CHANNEL THAT ARE EAST OF A LINE FROM BABBLER POINT TO HOUR POINT (56° 27.80' N. LAT., 132° 16.63' W. LONG.).

(H) DISTRICT 8: WATERS OF FREDERICK SOUND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM WOOD POINT AT 56° 59.47' N. LAT., 132° 56.97' W. LONG. TO BEACON POINT AT 56° 56.36' N. LAT., 132° 59.74' W. LONG., WATERS OF SUMNER STRAIT EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT ALEXANDER AT 56° 30.54' N. LAT., 132° 56.94' W. LONG., TO LOW POINT AT 56° 27.18' N. LAT., 132° 57.17' W. LONG., WATERS OF STIKINE STRAIT NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF ROUND POINT AT 56° 16.65' N. LAT., 132° 39.44' W. LONG., WATERS OF ZIMOVIA STRAIT NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF NEMO POINT AT 56° 17.00' N. LAT., 132° 21.94' W. LONG., AND WATERS OF EASTERN PASSAGE WEST OF A LINE FROM HOUR POINT AT 56° 27.72' N. LAT., 132° 16.79' W. LONG., TO BABBLER POINT AT 56° 29.08' W. LAT., 132° 17.36' W. LONG.;

(1) SECTION 8-A: WATERS NORTH OF A LINE FROM BLAQUIERE POINT AT 56° 35.06' N. LAT., 132° 32.54' W. LONG., TO KAKWAN POINT AT 56° 41.62' N. LAT., 132° 13.12' W. LONG.;

(2) SECTION 8-B: WATERS SOUTH OF A LINE FROM BLAQUIERE POINT AT 56° 35.06' N. LAT., 132° 32.54' W. LONG., TO KAKWAN POINT AT 56° 41.62' N. LAT., 132° 13.12' W. LONG.

(I) DISTRICT 9: WATERS OF FREDERICK SOUND AND CHATHAM STRAIT THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT GARDNER, WATERS THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF ELLIOTT ISLAND AND THAT ARE WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF ELLIOTT ISLAND TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF POINT MACARTNEY, WATERS THAT ARE NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT CAMDEN TO SALT POINT LIGHT, AND WATERS THAT ARE NORTH AND EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE DECISION TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF HELM POINT, TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF HAZY ISLANDS, AND ENDING AT CAPE OMMANEY LIGHT.

(J) DISTRICT 10: WATERS OF FREDERICK SOUND, STEPHENS PASSAGE, AND CONTIGUOUS WATERS NORTH OF A LINE FROM BEACON POINT AT 56° 56.36' N.

LAT., 132° 59.74' W. LONG., TO WOOD POINT AT 56° 59.47' N. LAT., 132° 56.97' W. LONG., EAST OF A LINE FROM POINT MACARTNEY AT 57° 01.49' N. LAT., 134° 03.51' W. LONG., TO THE SOUTHERN TIP OF ELLIOTT ISLAND AT 57° 15.20' N. LAT., 134° 03.72' W. LONG., AND NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF ELLIOTT ISLAND AT 57° 15.20' N. LAT., 134° 03.72' W. LONG., WATERS OF SEYMOUR CANAL SOUTH OF 57° 37.00' N. LAT., AND WATERS OF STEPHENS PASSAGE SOUTH OF A LINE FROM POINT LEAGUE AT 57° 37.76' N. LAT., 133° 40.47' W. LONG., TO POINT HUGH AT 57° 34.21' N. LAT., 133° 48.58' W. LONG.;

(1) SECTION 10-A: WATERS WEST OF LINE FROM PINTA POINT AT 57° 05.90' N. LAT., 133° 53.40' W. LONG., TO A POINT AT 57° 12.60' N. LAT., 133° 53.25' W. LONG., TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF AKUSHA ISLAND AT 57° 18.40' N. LAT., 133° 39.28' W. LONG., TO MCDONALD ROCK LIGHT AT 57° 25.10' N. LAT., 133° 37.82' W. LONG., TO A POINT AT 57° 36.00' N. LAT., 133° 44.76' W. LONG.;

(2) SECTION 10-B: WATERS NORTH OF A LINE FROM PINTA POINT AT 57° 05.90' N. LAT., 133° 53.40' W. LONG., TO CAPE FANSHAW AT 57° 11.12' N. LAT., 133° 34.40' W. LONG., AND EAST OF A LINE FROM PINTA POINT AT 57° 05.90' N. LAT., 133° 53.40' W. LONG., TO A POINT AT 57° 12.60' N. LAT., 133° 53.25' W. LONG., TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF AKUSHA ISLAND AT 57° 18.40' N. LAT., 133° 39.28' W. LONG., TO MCDONALD ROCK LIGHT AT 57° 25.10' N. LAT., 133° 37.82' W. LONG., TO A POINT AT 57° 36.00' N. LAT., 133° 44.76' W. LONG.,

(3) SECTION 10-C: WATERS EAST OF A LINE FROM PINTA POINT AT 57° 05.90' N. LAT., 133° 53.40' W. LONG., TO CAPE FANSHAW AT 57° 11.12' N. LAT., 133° 34.40' W. LONG.

(K) DISTRICT 11: WATERS OF STEPHENS PASSAGE THAT ARE NORTH OF A LINE FROM POINT LEAGUE TO POINT HUGH, WATERS OF SEYMOUR CANAL THAT ARE NORTH OF 57° 37' N. LAT., AND WATERS THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF LITTLE ISLAND LIGHT AND EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM LITTLE ISLAND LIGHT TO POINT RETREAT LIGHT;

(1) SECTION 11-A: WATERS OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM A POINT AT 58° 12.33' N. LAT., 134° 10' W. LONG., TO THE COAST GUARD MARKER AND LIGHT ON POINT ARDEN;

(2) SECTION 11-B: WATERS OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF MIDWAY ISLAND LIGHT AND SOUTH AND EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM A POINT AT 58° 12.33' N. LAT., 134° 10' W. LONG., TO THE COAST GUARD MARKER AND LIGHT ON POINT ARDEN;

(3) SECTION 11-C: WATERS OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF MIDWAY ISLAND LIGHT AND NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT LEAGUE TO POINT HUGH;

(4) SECTION 11-D: ALL WATERS OF SEYMOUR CANAL THAT ARE NORTH OF 57° 37' N. LAT.

(L) DISTRICT 12: WATERS OF LYNN CANAL AND CHATHAM STRAIT THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF LITTLE ISLAND LIGHT, NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF POINT GARDNER, WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM LITTLE ISLAND LIGHT TO POINT RETREAT LIGHT, EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT COUVERDEN TO POINT AUGUSTA, AND EAST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM POINT HAYES TO POINT THATCHER.

(M) DISTRICT 13: WATERS THAT ARE NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF HELM POINT AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF HELM POINT TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF HAZY ISLAND, AND ENDING AT CAPE OMMANEY LIGHT, WATERS THAT ARE SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING WEST FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE SPENCER, WATERS THAT ARE WEST OF A LINE FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE SPENCER THROUGH YAKOBI ROCK, AND ENDING AT YAKOBI ISLAND, WATERS THAT ARE SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF SOAPSTONE POINT TO THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF COLUMN POINT, AND WATERS THAT ARE WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT HAYES TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT THATCHER;

(1) SECTION 13-A: WATERS THAT ARE NORTH OF 57° 16' N. LAT. AND THE WATERS OF PERIL STRAIT THAT ARE SOUTH OF THE LATITUDE OF POGIBSHI POINT (57° 30.50' N. LAT.);

(2) SECTION 13-B: WATERS THAT ARE SOUTH OF 57° 16' N. LAT.;

(3) SECTION 13-C: WATERS OF THE DISTRICT THAT ARE NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF POGIBSHI POINT AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT HAYES TO THE NORTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT THATCHER IN PERIL STRAIT.

(N) DISTRICT 14: WATERS OF ICY STRAIT THAT ARE WEST OF A LINE FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF POINT COUVERDEN TO POINT AUGUSTA LIGHT, EAST OF A STRAIGHT LINE RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE SPENCER THROUGH YAKOBI ROCK, AND ENDING AT YAKOBI ISLAND, AND WATERS THAT ARE NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF SOAPSTONE POINT TO THE WESTERNMOST POINT OF COLUMN POINT.

(O) DISTRICT 15: WATERS OF LYNN CANAL THAT ARE NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF LITTLE ISLAND LIGHT.

(P) DISTRICT 16: WATERS THAT ARE NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING WEST FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST TIP OF CAPE SPENCER AND SOUTH OF A LINE RUNNING SOUTHWEST FROM THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF CAPE FAIRWEATHER.

(Q) DIXON ENTRANCE DISTRICT: WATERS THAT ARE EAST OF 138° 45.33' W. LONG., SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, AND WATERS THAT ARE NORTH OF A LINE RUNNING FROM 54° 43.50' N. LAT., 130° 37.62' W. LONG., TO 54° 43.40' N. LAT., 130° 37.65' W. LONG., TO 54° 43.25' N. LAT., 130° 37.73' W. LONG., TO 54° 43' N. LAT., 130° 37.92' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.97' N. LAT., 130° 37.95' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.78' N. LAT., 130° 38.10' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.37' N. LAT., 130° 38.43' W. LONG., TO 54° 41.15' N. LAT., 130° 38.97' W. LONG., TO 54° 39.90' N. LAT., 130° 38.97' W. LONG., TO 54° 39.23' N. LAT., 130° 39.30' W. LONG., TO 54° 39.80' N. LAT., 130° 41.58' W. LONG., TO 54° 40.05' N. LAT., 130° 42.37' W. LONG., TO 54° 40.70' N. LAT., 130° 44.72' W. LONG., TO 54° 40.68' N. LAT., 130° 44.98' W. LONG., TO 54° 40.77' N. LAT., 130° 45.85' W. LONG., TO 54° 41.10' N. LAT., 130° 48.52' W. LONG., TO 54° 41.08' N. LAT., 130° 49.28' W. LONG., TO 54° 41.35' N. LAT., 130° 53.30' W. LONG., TO 54° 41.43' N. LAT., 130° 53.65' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.45' N. LAT., 130° 56.30' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.57' N. LAT., 130° 57.15' W. LONG., TO 54° 43' N. LAT., 130° 57.68' W. LONG., TO 54° 43.77' N. LAT., 130° 58.92' W. LONG., TO 54° 44.20' N. LAT., 130° 59.73' W. LONG., TO 54° 45.65' N. LAT., 131° 03.10' W. LONG., TO 54° 46.27' N. LAT., 131° 04.72' W. LONG., TO 54° 42.18' N. LAT., 131° 13' W.

LONG., TO 54° 40.87' N. LAT., 131° 13.90' W. LONG., TO 54° 39.15' N. LAT., 131° 16.28' W. LONG., TO 54° 36.87' N. LAT., 131° 19.37' W. LONG., TO 54° 29.88' N. LAT., 131° 33.80' W. LONG., TO 54° 30.53' N. LAT., 131° 38.02' W. LONG., TO 54° 28.30' N. LAT., 131° 45.33' W. LONG., TO 54° 26.68' N. LAT., 131° 49.47' W. LONG., TO 54° 21.85' N. LAT., 132° 02.90' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.87' N. LAT., 132° 23.65' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.68' N. LAT., 132° 24.48' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.68' N. LAT., 132° 24.58' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.65' N. LAT., 132° 26.85' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.57' N. LAT., 132° 38.27' W. LONG., TO 54° 24.90' N. LAT., 132° 39.77' W. LONG., TO 54° 26' N. LAT., 132° 44.20' W. LONG., TO 54° 27.12' N. LAT., 132° 49.58' W. LONG., TO 54° 27.12' N. LAT., 132° 50.70' W. LONG., TO 54° 28.42' N. LAT., 132° 55.90' W. LONG., TO 54° 28.53' N. LAT., 132° 56.47' W. LONG., TO 54° 30.05' N. LAT., 133° 07' W. LONG., TO 54° 30.17' N. LAT., 133° 07.72' W. LONG., TO 54° 30.70' N. LAT., 133° 11.47' W. LONG., TO 54° 31.03' N. LAT., 133° 14' W. LONG., TO 54° 30.10' N. LAT., 133° 16.97' W. LONG., TO 54° 22.02' N. LAT., 133° 44.40' W. LONG., TO 54° 20.55' N. LAT., 133° 49.35' W. LONG., TO 54° 15.67' N. LAT., 134° 19.82' W. LONG., TO 54° 12.95' N. LAT., 134° 23.78' W. LONG., TO 54° 12.75' N. LAT., 134° 25.05' W. LONG., TO 54° 07.50' N. LAT., 134° 56.40' W. LONG., TO 54° 00.02' N. LAT., 135° 45.95' W. LONG., AND ENDING AT 53° 28.45' N. LAT., 138° 45.33' W. LONG.]

5 AAC 31.100 is amended to read:

Registration Area A (Southeastern Alaska) has as its southern boundary the International Boundary at Dixon Entrance and as its northern boundary a line **extending seaward** [RUNNING SOUTHWEST] from the western[MOST] tip of Cape Fairweather **at 58° 47.89' N. lat., 137° 56.68' W. long., to the intersection with the seaward limit of the three-nautical-mile territorial sea at 58° 45.96' N. lat., 138° 01.40' W. long.**

5AAC 31.115(a)(6) is amended to read:

(6) District 6: Sections 6-B, 6-C, [AND] 6-D, **and 6-E** combined: 0 - 60,000 pounds of spot shrimp;

5AAC 32.105 is amended to read:

The districts for Registration Area A for Dungeness crab are the same as the districts that are described in **5 AAC 33.200** [5 AAC 31.105].

5 AAC 33.200 (j) is amended to read:

1) Section 10-A: waters west of line from Pinta Point at 57° 05.96' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to a point at 57° 13.08' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Akusha Island at 57° 18.37' N. lat., 133° 39.48' W. long., to McDonald Rock Light at 57° 25.10' N. lat., 133° 37.83' W. long., to a point at 57° 35.92' N. lat., 133° 44.71' W. long.;

(2) Section 10-B: waters north of a line from Pinta Point at 57° 05.96' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to Cape Fanshaw Light at 57° 11.12' N. lat., 133° 34.43' W. long., and east of a line from Pinta Point at 57° 05.96' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to a point at 57° 13.08' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Akusha Island at 57° 18.37' N. lat., 133° 39.48' W. long., to McDonald Rock Light at 57° 25.10' N. lat., 133° 37.83' W. long., to a point at 57° 35.92' N. lat., 133° 44.71' W. long.,

(3) Section 10-C: waters east of a line from Pinta Point at 57° 05.96' N. lat., 133° 52.82' W. long., to Cape Fanshaw Light at 57° 11.12' N. lat., 133° 34.43' W. long.

5 AAC 38.076 (b)(1) and (2) are amended to read:

(1) Scallop Registration Area A (Southeastern Alaska) is Registration Area A, described in 5 AAC 38.100, except for all waters of District 16 as described in **5 AAC 33.200(p)** [5 AAC 31.105(P)];

(2) Scallop Registration Area D (Yakutat) is Registration Area D, described in 5 AAC 38.160, and all waters of District 16 as described in **5 AAC 33.200(p)** [5 AAC 31.105(P)];

5 AAC 38.105 is amended to read:

Registration Area A districts and sections are as described in **5 AAC 33.200** [5 AAC 31.105].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There are currently two descriptions for Southeast Alaska region districts and sections: 5 AAC 31.105 and 33.200. The majority of regulations (29 regulations in total) refer to 5 AAC 33.200, including all salmon (5 AAC 29 and 33), subsistence (5 AAC 01 and 02), personal use (5 AAC 77), sport fish (5 AAC 47), herring (5 AAC 27), tanner crab (5 AAC 35), and king crab regulations (5 AAC 35) as well as regulations in 3 AAC and 20 AAC. The only regulations (4 total) that refer to 5 AAC 31.105 are found in shrimp (5 AAC 31) and miscellaneous shellfish (5 AAC 38). Removing district and section descriptions found in 5 AAC 31.105, adding District 10 section descriptions to 5 AAC 33.200 to accommodate the pot shrimp fishery, and making associated changes to other regulations would have no impact on fisheries management and would eliminate any confusion with any unintended differences between the descriptions. Both 5 AAC 31.105 and 33.200 were established prior to 1985. The department is unaware of why there was a need for two descriptions of the region's districts and sections.

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