

PROPOSAL 246

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

Eliminate the commercial shrimp fishery minimum total allowable harvest threshold, as follows:

We recommend removing the language of this threshold requirement for a commercial fishery.
(Remove the whole first sentence of section 5 AAC 31.214)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The minimum threshold for a commercial shrimp fishery is arbitrary and punitive. The commercial fishery is managed in order to be able to catch and not overharvest the allotted GHL. This threshold simply punishes the commercial fishery and its beneficiaries, laying the whole burden of conservation unfairly on the smaller sector (the commercial sector) of the Prince William Sound Spot Shrimp fishery.

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