

PROPOSAL 180

5 AAC 31.112. Sidestripe shrimp beam trawl fishing in Registration Area A.

Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows:

There would be no new regulation, Only deleting existing language. Repeal line (7) of part (b) of 5 AAC31.112

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would ask the Board of Fish to repeal line number (7) of section (b) that reads (the commissioner may require an onboard observer on a vessel during fishing operations) . None of the other shrimp fisheries have this requirement. When engaged in sidestripe fishing I average around 600.00 per day, with one to two crewmembers. The cost of an observer would exceed my income on most days. I do not produce any more bycatch sidestripe fishing than I do pink/stripe peeler shrimp fishing. I have looked at cameras as another means of observation, though it still requires monitoring by Fish & Game, and with budget shortfalls do not see that as a viable alternative. I have been threatened with this added expense when requesting this fishery open.

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