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Dear BOF

I am writing to oppose any change to the current SE AK shrimp season and ask that no action be taken on any proposals before the board. The current regulations provide the ability to provide shrimp to the market when spot prawns are not being harvested in other areas. Our product form is mostly frozen or fresh here in Alaska, while shrimp harvested in Canada and the lower 48 are brought live to market and thus bare little relevance, beside being extremely competitive and price restrictive should we all harvest prawns at the same time in the spring.

Egg bearing shrimp are highly desired in some markets and provide a inherently different product and are primarily harvested in the fall fishery. AK fish and game has successfully followed this fall management practice as well as its yearly survey efforts, and a change in management at this point would compromise over thirty years off baseline data.

Finally it is my belief that prosecuting a spring fishery would add a number off boats to the fishery that currently participate in other fall fisheries. This in turn would shorten a already limited quota season to a point that would extremely limit the profitability of the fishery to anyone participating.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Garret Vincentz

FV Lady Jane

Sent from my iPhone