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Dear BOF,

As an active SE shrimp pot permit holder, I am writing to oppose all SE Alaska shrimp pot proposals and ask that no action be taken by the board. A spring start may cause conflict with current actively fishing permit holders, which have invested into the fishery under the traditional fall opening. Furthermore, a spring start may cause soft meat quality issues due to molting habits of the shrimp.

Egg bearing shrimp are not a disadvantage, given that the shrimp are bigger/heavier, they command a higher price. Our customers are primarily domestic and happen to enjoy the eggs, as they are a subjective matter.

I do not see that limiting the strings to 10 pots per string would make much difference. It would be a hard rule to enforce. If we have the capability, why would we want to “decrease efficiency”. Is that not the goal to run through your gear and process your product in a timely manner?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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