

AMENDED PROPOSAL 244

submitted by Gordon Scott 3/27/22

5 AAC 55.055. Prince William Sound non-commercial shrimp fishery management plan, and**5 AAC 02.210. Subsistence shrimp fishery**

Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season, as follows:

I propose that after the annual guideline harvest level (GHL) for the fishery is biologically determined, that an adjustment to the GHL be made as follows:

If in the previous year there was an over harvest, then the amount of that over harvest (lbs) be deducted from the biologically determined GHL, and the result of that will be the adjusted GHL for the year, that ADFG can manage as best it can to not exceed.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The sport/personal use catch of PWS Spot shrimp has often overharvested the allotted GHL, thereby negatively damaging the resource biomass, placing the future of the shrimp fisheries in jeopardy.

There is currently no penalty for that, and the shrimp biomass continues to be over-exploited. With a history of demonstration of absence of effective in-season harvest management adjustment capability, something should be done about this

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