PROPOSAL 224

5 AAC 31.110. Shrimp pot fishing seasons and periods for Registration Area A.

Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date back to October 1.

My solution is... to return the spot shrimp pot season back to the traditional October first opening date.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the spot shrimp season in southeast back to its historical October first opening date.

Why...flawed bof Covid decision, after multiple venue changes. There was no general knowledge that this proposal was out there among spot shrimp permit holders. This proposal would have been fought tooth & nail if meeting was held on schedule. In southeast.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain. I developed this proposal with consultation with all the other longtime spot shrimp pot permit holders in southeast that I know. No one that I'm aware of that's participated in the October fishery was in favor of changing to a may opening & completely loosing the fishery for 2022.

The local advisory committee is not knowledgeable on this issue.