

**PROPOSAL 225**

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

Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date to October 1 or to another start date in late summer/early fall.

Change the start date back to October 1. Alternatively, September 15, September 1 and August 15 would also be acceptable dates.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The change in season start date from Oct 1 to May 15 in the 2022 Board of Fisheries meeting effectively transferred the entire shrimp fishery over to commercial users. Many Sport and Personal Use fisherman are not able to go prior to the May 15th opening, after which shrimp numbers are dramatically lower as the commercial fishery is executed very quickly. Furthermore, the rationale that taking of females when they don't have eggs is beneficial to the population is not sound logic, as it is the taking of females **at any time** that is detrimental to the population. Taking females without eggs in May lowers the reproductive capacity of the population the same as the taking of females with unreleased eggs in October.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee? Explain.** Submitted via Territorial Sportsmen Inc of Juneau

**PROPOSED BY:** Territorial Sportsmen Inc

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