

If only the important decisions we must make could be boiled down to a simple mathematical equation.

Fortunately for RC 19 it can be.

There are four possible outcomes to the fishery for the two decisions that would be standard practice by the board.

Only a positive outcome can be deserving of the point in the category of either for or against RC 19.

Outcome 1. Board **votes in favor of RC 19** , later it turns out the assertions of the petition are correct. Fishery remains in good condition. Equals one point in favor of RC 19.

Outcome 2. Board votes in favor of RC 19, later it turns out the assertions of the petition are incorrect. Department of Fish and game stock surveys have shown the fishery could proceed as it was exercised before the 25% per stat area regulation was applied without harm to shrimp stocks. Fishery still remains in good condition. Equals one more point in favor of RC 19 .

Outcome 3. Board votes against RC 19. Later it turns out assertions in the petition are incorrect. Stocks remain in good condition. Equals one point against RC 19.

Outcome 4. Board votes against RC 19. Later it turns out assertions in the petition is correct. Stocks go into decline taking years to recover once problem is corrected. Equals zero points.

Voting against RC 19 has only collected one point.

Voting in favor of RC 19 has collected two points. Stocks and fishery have remained secure, whether it's assertions are valid or not.

I must add, RC 19s primary points are not incorrect.

Thank you.....Jon Van Hying