

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game on behalf of board member Kluberton

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Substitute language for Proposal 98

5 AAC 31.143(b)(1) is amended to read:

5 AAC 31.143. Reporting requirements for commercial shrimp vessels in Registration Area A.

(b) In addition to the reporting requirements specified in (a) of this section, the weekly reporting requirements in Registration Area A for vessels commercial shrimp fishing with pots or beam trawls are as follows:

(1) unless other arrangements have been made with a local representative of the department, each week an owner or operator of a shrimp pot catcher-processor vessel, or the owner or operator of a shrimp pot catcher-seller vessel, operating gear in the waters of Registration Area A shall contact, by telephone or in person, the ADF&G area office in the area where shrimp fishing occurs **during time periods announced by the department to ensure the orderly conduct of the fishery** [, BEFORE 12:00 NOON WEDNESDAY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. THROUGH 5:00 P.M]; the following information must be provided at the time of contact:

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(XX) logbook information as determined by the department from a catcher-processor vessel in the shrimp pot fishery under 5 AAC 31.XXX;

5 AAC 31 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 AAC 31.1XX. Logbooks. (a) In Registration Area A, an owner or operator of a shrimp pot catcher-processor vessel shall complete a logbook provided by the department at the conclusion of each day fished for each district or portion of a district with a guideline harvest level established by the department, and in which shrimp are harvested and processed on board the vessel. A logbook must be submitted to the department within seven days of closure of a district or portion of a district with a guideline harvest level.

(b) Logbooks described in (a) of this section must include any information the commissioner determines necessary for management purposes, including

(1) date of landing;

(2) district and statistical area;

(3) the number of pot lifts each day;

(4) weight or box count of each size class of whole shrimp that were sorted for sale.

(c) A person may not make a false entry in the logbook required in (a) of this section.

(d) The owner or operator of a shrimp pot catcher-processor who has stopped fishing in a district or portion of a district with a guideline harvest level shall contact, by telephone or in person, the local ADF&G area office and report the information specified in this section before fishing in a new district or portion of a district with a guideline harvest level established by the department.

5 AAC 31.145(b)(2) is amended to read:

5 AAC 31.145. Southeastern Alaska Area Pot Shrimp Fishery Management Plan

(b) The department shall manage

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(2) the spot and coonstripe shrimp fisheries within the guideline harvest ranges specified in 5AAC 31.115 to

(A) maintain a number of age classes of shrimp to ensure the long-term viability of those stocks and reduce the dependence on annual recruitment;

(B) reduce fishing periods for shrimp stocks during the biologically sensitive periods of the shrimp's life cycle, such as egg hatch, growth, and recruitment, and when shrimp stocks are considered to be poor quality for the market place;

(C) reduce mortality of small shrimp of any species;

(D) maintain an adequate broodstock for the rebuilding of the shrimp stocks, if rebuilding becomes necessary.