

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No. 2-SHR-6-15-21**

**Issued at:** Anchorage, Monday, March 8, 2021

**Effective Date:** 12:01 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021

**Expiration Date:** 11:59p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2021, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order decreases the number of shrimp pots allowed to harvest shrimp in the Prince William Sound noncommercial (sport and subsistence) shrimp fishery from five pots per person with a maximum of five pots per vessel, to two pots per person with a maximum of two pots per vessel.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.022. (b)(5)(B) and 5 AAC 55.055. (a)(3)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, April 15 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2021:

#### **5 AAC 55.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Prince William Sound Area.**

(b)(5)(B) no more than two pots per person, with no more than two pots per vessel, may be used to take shrimp;

#### **5 AAC 55.055. Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan.**

(a)(3)(C) no more than two pots per vessel may be used to take shrimp.

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Jay Baumer  
Area Management Biologist

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Prince William Sound noncommercial management plan (5 AAC 55.055) allocates 60% of the total allowable harvest (TAH) of shrimp in the area to the noncommercial fisheries. This 60% of the TAH represents the guideline harvest levels (GHL) for the noncommercial shrimp fisheries including sport and subsistence fisheries.

During the 2020 season the noncommercial shrimp fishery had a GHL of 102,100 pounds. Using three pots, this fishery harvested an estimated 140,488 pounds of shrimp and exceeded the GHL by 38,379 pounds.

The 2021 TAH is 174,964 pounds of shrimp, providing the noncommercial fishery a GHF of 104,978 pounds (60% of the TAH). To avoid exceeding the GHF, it is warranted to limit gear for the PWS noncommercial shrimp fishery to two pots per person with no more than two pots per vessel.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region II Office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.