PROPOSAL 216

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

Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1, as follows:

Participants in the Prince William Sound non-commercial Spot Prawn Fishery must register prior to May 1.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Prince William Sound noncommercial spot prawn fishery often exceeds its yearly GHL. Currently there is no tool to give fishery managers the ability to manage to harvest effort in-season. While in-season harvest reporting is the best way to manage this fishery, at this time, adfg staff do not consider it a viable option. I propose a registration deadline of May 1 for participants in this fishery. This would at least give staff a hard number for participants which could be compared to past harvests and CPUE. GHL could then be managed to by season length.

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