

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SHR-6-15-19

Issued at: Anchorage, Monday, March 18, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2019  
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.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 sport fishery from five pots per person with a maximum of five pots per vessel, to three pots per person with a maximum of three pots per vessel.

### **REGULATION:**

The provisions of 5 AAC 55.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area. (b)(5)(B) and 5 AAC 55.055. Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan. (a)(3)(C) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, April 15 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2019.

#### **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 three pots per person, with no more than three 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 three pots per vessel may be used to take shrimp.

Doug 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 2018 season, the noncommercial shrimp fishery had a GHL of 100,800 pounds. Using four pots, this fishery harvested an estimated 128,860 pounds of shrimp and exceeded the GHL by 28,060

pounds. In 2018, a total of 3,810 households received shrimp permits and 59% (2,259) households reported harvesting shrimp.

The 2019 TAH is 170,189 pounds of shrimp, providing the noncommercial fishery a GHL of 102,100 lbs. (60% of the TAH). To avoid exceeding the GHL, it is warranted to limit gear for the PWS noncommercial shrimp fishery to three pots per person with no more than three pots per vessel.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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