

**PROPOSAL 237**

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

Provide department authority to deny eligibility to participate in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery if a participant fails to comply with reporting requirements and allow for an appeals process, as follows:

5 AAC 55.055. is amended to read:

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(a) The department shall manage the sport and other noncommercial shrimp fisheries in the Prince William Sound Area as follows:

(2) a harvest recording form is required as specified in 5 AAC 75.016; **a person who fails to comply with the reporting requirements of this subsection or 5 AAC 75.016, including any requirement to return harvest and catch information to the department, is ineligible to obtain a shrimp harvest recording form during the following season in the fishery for which the form was required, unless the permit applicant demonstrates to the department that failure to report was due to unavoidable circumstances.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently the harvest of nonrespondent permit holders in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery is unknown. Additionally, there is currently no consequence for individuals who fail to report. Reporting of all sport and subsistence shrimp harvest will provide managers with more accurate information to sustainably manage these fisheries. This also provides for an appeal process for those permit holders determined to be ineligible.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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