

To whom it may concern, here is a comment I want to submit for consideration by the Fisheries Board for the Prince William Sound shrimp program.

The new areas set out in Prince William Sound for two shrimp pots only for personal users near the Whittier and Valdez areas should have the same limit applied to those same areas for commercial shrimpers. Or, commercial shrimpers should be excluded from shrimping in these areas completely during the year when that area would have been part of their shrimping zone. In my experience, you can see a reduction in shrimp size and numbers for the popular shrimping areas after the commercial shrimpers have been in that area for the summer. To ensure the shrimp population remains healthy in the newly defined 'two shrimp pots only' areas, commercial shrimping should not be allowed in these areas.

Thank you for considering this idea. I can be reached at 907-727-4540 or this email address if you have any questions. Len Seymour