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

Limit noncommercial shrimp participants to carrying one additional shrimp pot over the regulatory number allowed, as follows:

Modify 5 AAC 55.055 section (a) (3) as follows:

(3) shrimp may be taken with pots as follows:

(A) only from April 15 through September 15;

(B) no bag, possession, or size limit;

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

(D) one pot in addition to the regulatory number of pots allowed in regulation or through emergency order to be used per person and per vessel may be aboard a vessel while participating in the noncommercial shrimp fishery.

Explanation: Based on public testimony and further conversations with the Department, we suggest allowing one pot in addition to the regulatory number of pots in regulation or emergency order per person and vessel to be carried on a vessel participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery. We hope this regulation change will clear up enforcement concerns, eliminate the incentive to illegally deploy extra pot gear, motivate participants to deploy gear responsibly to avoid pot losses, while ensuring noncommercial opportunity is maintained throughout a shrimp trip.