

**PROPOSAL 250**

**5 AAC 31.210. Shrimp pot fishing seasons for Registration Area E.**

Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp pot fishery, as follows:

Moving the start date earlier would reduce the conflict created by having both the sport fishery and commercial fishery happening concurrently and would allow more opportunity for the local fishermen to participate and diversify their income before salmon season.

5 AAC 31.210. Shrimp pot fishing seasons for Registration Area E. (a) In the waters of the Inside District west of a line from Middle Point at 60° 20.00' N. lat., 147° W. long., north to a point at 60° 40.00' N. lat., 147° W. long., then northeast to the Coast Guard marker light on Goose Island at 60° 42.78' N. lat., 146° 43.63' W. long., to a point on Knowles Head at 60° 41.00' N. lat., 146° 37.50' W. long., shrimp may be taken from [APRIL 15] **March 15th** through September 15, as established by emergency order. Fishing in this area will be rotated on a tri-annual basis between the following waters...

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The current spot prawn fishery dates prevent many potential participants from being involved. Historically, this fishery opened earlier than April 15th.

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