

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC (if known):
5 AAC 31.110

*** 2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

The change in season start date from Oct 15 to May 15 in the 2022 Board of Fisheries meeting effectively transferred the entire fishery over to commercial users. Many Sport and Personal Use fisherman are not able to go prior to the May 15th opening, after which shrimp numbers are dramatically lower as the commercial fishery is executed very quickly.

3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

Change the start date back to October 15. Alternatively, September 15 and August 15 would also be acceptable dates.

5 AAC 31.110. Shrimp pot fishing seasons and periods for Registration Area A
Except as provided in 5 AAC 31.145(d), in Registration Area A, shrimp may be taken by pots only from October 15 through July 31, unless closed earlier by emergency order

4. Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee?

This proposal was developed after consultation with the Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee.