

20 AAC 05.310(i) is amended to read:

(i) The commission designates the **following shrimp fisheries as those**

[SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA (A) SHRIMP POT, BEAM TRAWL, AND OTTER TRAWL FISHERIES AS FISHERIES] that have reached levels of participation that require the limitation of entry:

(1) Southeastern Alaska (A) shrimp pot, beam trawl, and otter trawl

fisheries;

(2) Prince William Sound (E) shrimp pot fishery.

(Eff. 12/18/74, Register 52; am 4/9/76, Register 58; am 2/25/77, Register 61; am 1/21/78, Register 65; am 4/30/78, Register 66; am 1/25/80, Register 73; am 3/2/80, Register 73; am 2/15/81, Register 77; am 11/25/84, Register 92; am 8/24/85, Register 95; am 9/26/85, Register 95; am 12/22/85, Register 96; am 3/29/87, Register 101; am 12/20/87, Register 104; am 3/26/88, Register 105; am 12/30/89, Register 112; am 11/14/93, Register 128; am 2/11/95, Register 133; am 5/4/95, Register 134; am 12/14/95, Register 136; am 12/15/95, Register 136; am 1/2/96, Register 136; am 12/14/96, Register 140; am 5/29/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 8/2/97, Register 143; am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 1st add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 2nd add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; am 9/13/2001, Register 159; am 1/2/2003, Register 164; am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.240

The introductory language of 20 AAC 05.320(e) is amended to read:

(e) The maximum number of entry permits for the sablefish fisheries designated in

20 AAC 05.310(f) **is** [ARE] established as follows:

20 AAC 05.320(h) is amended to read:

(h) The maximum number of entry permits for the **shrimp fisheries** [SOUTHEAST ALASKA (A) SHRIMP FISHERIES] designated in 20 AAC 05.310(i) **is** [ARE] established as follows:

(1) Southeast Alaska (A)

Fisheries	Maximum Number of Entry Permits
pot fishery	334
beam trawl fishery	41
otter trawl fishery	6

(2) Prince William Sound (E)

<u>Fisheries</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Entry Permits</u>
<u>pot fishery</u>	<u>63</u>

(Eff. 12/18/74, Register 52; am 4/7/75, Register 54; am 5/12/75, Register 54; am 4/9/76, Register 58; am 2/25/77, Register 61; am 1/21/78, Register 65; am 4/30/78, Register 66; am 1/25/80, Register 73; am 3/2/80, Register 73; am 2/15/81, Register 77; am 10/30/82, Register 84; am 11/25/84, Register 92; am 8/24/85, Register 95; am 12/22/85, Register 96; am 3/29/87, Register 101; am 12/20/87, Register 104; am 3/26/88, Register 105; am 12/30/89, Register 112; am 5/20/90, Register 114; am 11/14/93, Register 128; am 2/11/95, Register 133; am 10/1/95, Register 136; am 12/14/95, Register 136; am 12/15/95, Register 136; am 1/2/96, Register 136; am 1/26/96, Register 137; am 8/9/96, Register 139; am 12/4/96, Register 140; am 5/29/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 8/2/97, Register 143; am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 1st add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 2nd add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; am 9/13/2001, Register 159; am 10/31/2001, Register 160; am 1/2/2003, Register 164; am 11/6/2005, Register

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176; am 12/25/2013, Register 208; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.240

20 AAC 05.330 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(z) The qualification date for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery designated in 20 AAC 05.310(i)(2) is January 1, 2024. (Eff. 5/20/90, Register 114; am 11/14/93, Register 128; am 7/16/94, Register 131; am 2/11/95, Register 133; am 12/14/95, Register 136; am 12/15/95, Register 136; am 1/2/96, Register 136; am 5/29/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 8/2/97, Register 143; am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 1st add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; 2nd add'l am 6/30/2000, Register 154; am 9/13/2001, Register 159; am 1/2/2003, Register 164; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.240 AS 16.43.260
AS 16.43.110

20 AAC 05 is amended by adding new sections to Article 6 to read:

20 AAC 05.837. General provisions relating to Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery. (a) To be eligible to apply for an entry permit in the Prince William Sound pot shrimp fishery, an individual must have commercially harvested the fishery resource while participating in the relevant fishery as a holder of an interim-use permit issued under AS 16.43.210 during at least one year from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

(b) To qualify for an entry permit for a fishery under this section, an applicant shall submit an application between October 15, 2024 and November 15, 2024. (Eff.

____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.260

20 AAC 05.838. Priority classification system for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery. (a) The commission finds that special circumstances exist requiring the use of the point system in 20 AAC 05.839 for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.

(b) A point scale of 0-76 is established for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.250 AS 16.43.270
AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.260

20 AAC 05.839. Point system for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery. (a) Past Participation. The commission will award a maximum of 44 points to an applicant for participation in the Prince William Sound Alaska shrimp pot fishery as follows:

(1) the commission will award a maximum of 36 points to an applicant who commercially harvested shrimp caught with pot gear from the fishery during the time period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022, based on the years in which the applicant participated and according to the poundage thresholds established for each year as follows:

Year	Pounds/Year	Points
2019	2400 or more pounds	6
	1400 - 2399 pounds	4

	800 - 1399 pounds	2
	1 - 799 pounds	1
2020	4000 or more pounds	8
	1600 - 3999 pounds	6
	800 - 1600 pounds	4
	1 - 799 pounds	2
2021	5000 or more pounds	10
	2000 - 4999 pounds	8
	900 - 1999 pounds	4
	1 - 899 pounds	2
2022	3400 or more pounds	12
	1700 - 3399 pounds	10
	900 - 1699 pounds	6
	1 - 899 pounds	2

(2) the commission will award an additional 4 points to an applicant who commercially harvested more than 2000 pounds of shrimp caught with pot gear during the 2019 to 2022 time period;

(3) the commission will award an additional 4 points to an applicant who made commercial deliveries in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery in three of the four qualifying years listed in 20 AAC 05.837.

(b) Consistent Participation and Economic Dependence. The commission will award a maximum of 32 points to an applicant for consistent participation in, investment in, and economic dependence on the Prince William Sound Alaska shrimp pot fishery as follows:

(1) the commission will award a maximum of 16 points to an applicant for consistent participation based on a minimum number of pounds harvested or a minimum number of deliveries made in a year as follows:

Year	Pounds harvested/deliveries made	Points
2019	If harvested 1000 pounds or more and made 4 or more deliveries	4
2020	If harvested 1000 pounds or more and made 3 or more deliveries	4
2021	If harvested 1100 pounds or more and made 4 or more deliveries	4
2022	If harvested 1100 pounds or more and made 4 or more deliveries	4

(2) the commission will award an additional 2 points for each year within the four-year qualifying period listed in 20 AAC 05.837 where an applicant made commercial shrimp harvests and either obtained or owns a legal entity that obtained a permit to operate as a catcher-seller as set out in 5 AAC 39.130(a) and defined under 5 AAC 39.130(o) if the applicant did not obtain a permit to operate as a catcher-processor in that same calendar year; an individual who owns a legal entity that obtained a permit to operate as a catcher-seller shall include documentation of that ownership in the application to be eligible for points under this subsection;

(3) the commission will award an additional 4 points for each year within the four-year qualifying period where the applicant made commercial shrimp harvests and either (A) obtained or owns a legal entity that obtained a permit to operate as a catcher-processor as set out in 5 AAC 39.130(a) and defined under 5 AAC 39.130(o) or (B) obtained a permit to operate a direct-market fishing vessel in accordance with 18 AAC 34.500(a); an individual who owns a legal entity that obtained a permit to operate as a catcher-processor shall include documentation of that ownership in the application to be eligible for points under this subsection. (Eff.

____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.250 AS 16.43.260
AS 16.43.110

20 AAC 05.840. Designation of significant and minor hardship classifications for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery. (a) The commission designates priority classifications 25 - 76 as the classifications for an applicant for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery who would suffer significant economic hardship if they do not receive a permit from the state and who will receive a permanent transferable permit as required by AS 16.43.270(a).

(b) The commission designates the priority classifications 0 - 15 as the classifications for an applicant for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery who would suffer only minor economic hardship if they do not receive a permit from the state. An entry permit issued to an applicant by the commission under this subsection in accordance with AS 16.43.250(c) may not be transferred by the holder, as set out under AS 16.43.170(e).

(Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.170 AS 16.43.260

AS 16.43.110

AS 16.43.250

AS 16.43.270

20 AAC 05.841. Definitions. In 20 AAC 05.837 - 20 AAC 05.839, unless otherwise specified,

(1) “commercially harvested” means the lawful taking and selling of shrimp caught with pot gear by an interim-use permit holder from a vessel registered for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery under 5 AAC 31.020 and licensed for commercial fishing under AS 16.05.490; in this paragraph, “commercially harvested” does not include deadloss, shrimp retained for personal use, shrimp caught as bycatch or from experimental or exploratory fisheries, or shrimp that is confiscated or donated;

(2) “participation” or “participating” means the applicant was physically present on a vessel registered for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery under 5 AAC 31.020 and licensed for commercial fishing under AS 16.05.490, had a valid interim-use permit for the fishery, and actively engaged in a commercial fishing operation that commercially harvested the shrimp resource with pots;

(3) “pounds” means actual pounds of whole shrimp recorded on fish tickets; if the weight for shrimp tails is recorded on fish tickets, “pounds” means the weight of whole shrimp as calculated by multiplying tail weight by the Department of Fish and Game’s conversion factor of 2.0 for all shrimp species and all size classes of shrimp. (Eff. ____ / ____ / _____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 16.43.100

AS 16.43.110

AS 16.43.260