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## COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Prince William Sound commercial pot shrimp fishery  
preseason management meeting

and

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Public Hearing on draft proposed regulations to  
limit the Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishery.

The Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (commission) is holding public meeting in Anchorage on **March 26, 2024**, at the Egan Civic and Convention Center located at 555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and through web conference. The meeting will occur immediately after the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Commercial Fisheries Prince William Sound (PWS) commercial shrimp fishery 2024 season management review to start at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Joint Board of Game and Fisheries meeting room located at the Egan Center.

This commission meeting will be held to discuss the development of draft proposed regulations to limit the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery. Once the draft regulations are finalized, the final proposed regulations will be noticed for further public comment pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62.190).

The Limited Entry Act (the Act) limits the number of commercial fishing permits allowed to operate within designated fisheries in Alaska. The Commission was established in 1973 in order to administer the Act (AS 16.43.010). The stated purpose of the act is to promote the conservation and sustained yield management of Alaska's fishery resources. Additionally, the Act seeks to uphold the economic health and stability of the commercial fishing industry in Alaska.

In December of 2021, the commission was petitioned to limit the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery. Following a lengthy review involving analysis on historic fisheries information, a public hearing, and a survey of the fleet, the commission voted to propose limiting the fishery in December 2023.

Since that time the commission drafted proposed regulations to establish a maximum number of permits to issue, the participation period years, and an application scoring system. The draft



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regulations are under review by the Department of Law and will be separately noticed and published for public comment when approved. The public will have at minimum 30-days to respond. Following review and response to public comment, the commission will make a final decision on how to limit the fishery.

The commission will use its meeting on March 26 to introduce the draft proposed regulation to meeting participants and seek public comment. While not in its official public comment period, the commission will nonetheless take all public comments through public testimony at the meeting into consideration and include them in its response to the public comments received on the proposed regulations. By March 18, 2024, a tentative agenda will be posted on the commission's website and at its office. This agenda will also be available by request. A copy of the draft proposed regulations are also available on the commission website and upon request.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. The ADF&G season review and CFEC public hearing will be available via a web conference link. Use the following web instructions to participate virtually:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85082315153?pwd=mgmUVkhjt5peYi9erRGthJboyG96p2.1>



(Click link or scan QR code to access the Zoom meeting)

If you have any questions, or would like to submit a written public comment, please reach out to CFEC at either [DFG.CFEC.PublicQuestions@alaska.gov](mailto:DFG.CFEC.PublicQuestions@alaska.gov) or PO Box 110302, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0302.

If you are a person with a disability who may need accommodation to attend, please contact CFEC at the email or address above by March 21, 2024, to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

By the Direction of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

/s/ Glenn Haight

Glenn Haight, Chair  
Mike Porcaro, Commissioner

Date: March 15, 2024



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**COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION**  
**Public Hearing on Draft Proposed Regulations to Limit the Prince William Sound**  
**Commercial Shrimp Pot Fishery**

March 26, 2024, following ADF&G season review starting at 5:30pm  
Egan Civic and Convention Center  
555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage  
Zoom Meeting Link below

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
*(March 15, 2024)*

1. Opening comments and ethics disclosure
2. Review elements of draft proposed regulations
3. Public testimony
4. Other agenda items

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85082315153?pwd=mgmUVkhjt5peYi9erRGthJboyG96p2.1>



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For those wishing to testify in the room there will be a sign-up sheet. For those wishing to testify over the web conference, participants will indicate interest on the virtual platform and the operator will establish a queue.

Meeting material is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System at  
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>.

20 AAC 05.310(i) is amended to read:

**20 AAC 05.310. Other designated fisheries.** (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; am 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 16.43.110,

20 AAC 05.320(h) is amended to read:

**20 AAC 05.320. Maximum number of entry permits.** (h) The maximum number of entry permits for the **shrimp fisheries** [SOUTHEAST ALASKA (A) SHRIMP FISHERIES] designated in 20 AAC 05.310(i) 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)**

**Fisheries**

**Maximum Number  
of Entry Permits**

**pot fishery**

**63**

(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; am 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

Register [number], [month] [year]

[AAC volume title]

176; am 12/25/2013, Register 208; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

Authority: AS 16.43.100, AS 16.43.240

AS 16.43.110,

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

**20 AAC 05.330. Qualification dates of limited fisheries.** (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 16.43.110 AS 16.43.260

20 AAC 05 is amended by adding new sections 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) In order to qualify for an entry permit for this fishery, applicants must submit their applications from September 15, 2024 through October 15, 2024. (Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.260

AS 16.43.110

**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 05.774 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 16.43.260

AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.270

AS 16.43.250

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

(1) The commission will award a maximum of 36 points to applicants who commercially harvested shrimp caught with pot gear from the fishery over the January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022, time period based on the years in which they participated 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 over the 2019 to 2022 time period; and

(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, investment, 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 any year within the four-year qualifying period listed in 20 AAC 05.837 where an applicant made commercial shrimp harvests and obtained a catcher/seller permit as defined in 5 AAC 39.130(o)(4). if the applicant did not obtain a catcher/processor permit in that same calendar year.

(3) The commission will award an additional 4 points for any year within the four-year qualifying period where the applicant made commercial shrimp harvests and obtained a catcher/processor permit as regulated by 18AAC 34. (Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.250

AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.260

**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 classifications of applicants for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery who would suffer significant economic hardship if they do not get a permit from the state, and who will receive a permanent transferrable permit as required by AS 16.43.270(a).

(b) The commission designates the priority classifications 0 – 15 as classifications of applicants for the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery who would suffer only minor economic hardship without the issuance of a permit from the state, and an entry permit originally issued to those applicants by the commission under AS 16.43.250(c) will receive a permanent non-transferrable permit. (Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.250

AS 16.43.110 AS 16.43.260

AS 16.43.170

**20 AAC 05.841. Definitions in 20 AAC 05.837 - 20 AAC 05.839, unless otherwise specified.** (a) “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, where the shrimp sales were in accordance with regulations governing the sale or use of commercially caught shrimp applicable at the time of sale, including regulations regarding proper completion of reports required of processors, buyers, and fishers; “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;

(b) “participation” 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; and

(c) “pounds” means actual pounds of whole shrimp recorded on fish tickets, if the weight for shrimp tails is recorded on fish tickets, pounds of whole shrimp is calculated by multiplying tail weight by the Department of Fish and Game’s conversion factor of 1.67 for all shrimp species and all size classes of shrimp. (Eff. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

Authority: AS 16.43.100 AS 16.43.260

AS 16.43.110