



Advisory Announcement

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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 2 – KASAAN CLOSURE

The waters of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm west of the longitude of Kasaan Point at 132°16.87' W long will close at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18, 2024.

This area is being closed as a conservation measure to protect this localized shrimp stock from additional harvest pressure. Commercial harvest rates in this area are below average and the preseason survey has shown extremely poor recruitment of small size class shrimp for the past two seasons.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of this closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of the closure area until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2024. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher–sellers that are intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e., dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel (5 AAC 31.143. [d]).

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1C1424.

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