SOUTHEAST ALASKA SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

FISHERY CLOSURE

Douglas. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that the District 8 commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery will be closed effective 11:59 p.m., Wednesday January 23, 2019.

Effort levels and harvest data obtained from fish tickets and call in information indicate that the 94,000-pound guideline harvest level for the fourth fishing period in District 8 will be reached at the time of the closure.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher-sellers 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)].

The District 8 shrimp beam trawl fishery will reopen May 2019 for the 2019/2020 season. Guideline harvest levels will be announced in a preseason news release in April.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0619.