SOUTHEAST ALASKA SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT
FISHERY CLOSURES

Douglas . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that the traditional portion of District 6 (that portion north of a line from Mitchell Point to Point St. John) and the Section 11-A commercial beam trawl shrimp fisheries will be closed effective 11:59 p.m., Tuesday February 12, 2019.

Effort levels and harvest data indicate that the 400,000-pound GHL in the traditional portion of District 6, and the upper end of the 0–75,000-pound guideline harvest range in Section 11-A 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 shrimp beam trawl fishery in the affected areas 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 1C0719.