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FISHERY UPDATE

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E

COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY

GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL,

REGISTRATION DEADLINE, AND SEASON OPENING DATE

The Prince William Sound (PWS) commercial shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m. April 15, 2019 with an allocation of 68,100 pounds. Area 1 is open to harvest and includes only those waters indicated on the attached map (Figure 1).

All participants must possess a 2019 P09E or P91E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a PWS area vessel registration. CFEC permits are available at http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf or paper forms at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices. Registrations and required logbook pages are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Cordova, Soldotna and Homer, and by appointment with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Seward and Valdez. Contact the ADF&G office in Homer to register by fax. **The registration deadline for the PWS shrimp pot fishery is 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2019.** The number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel registered for the fishery will be announced in early April.

Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2019-2021 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish** book, available online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial> or at ADF&G offices. Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery and contact ADF&G staff in the Homer office with any questions.

The department will be holding a preseason meeting on Monday, March 4th at 5:00 pm at the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery, Anchorage, located at 941 N. Reeve Blvd. The department will go over season plans, fishery requirements, survey results, revised logbooks, and field

questions about the upcoming season. Teleconference capabilities will be available and distributed to interested parties; please contact Jan Rumble to obtain information.

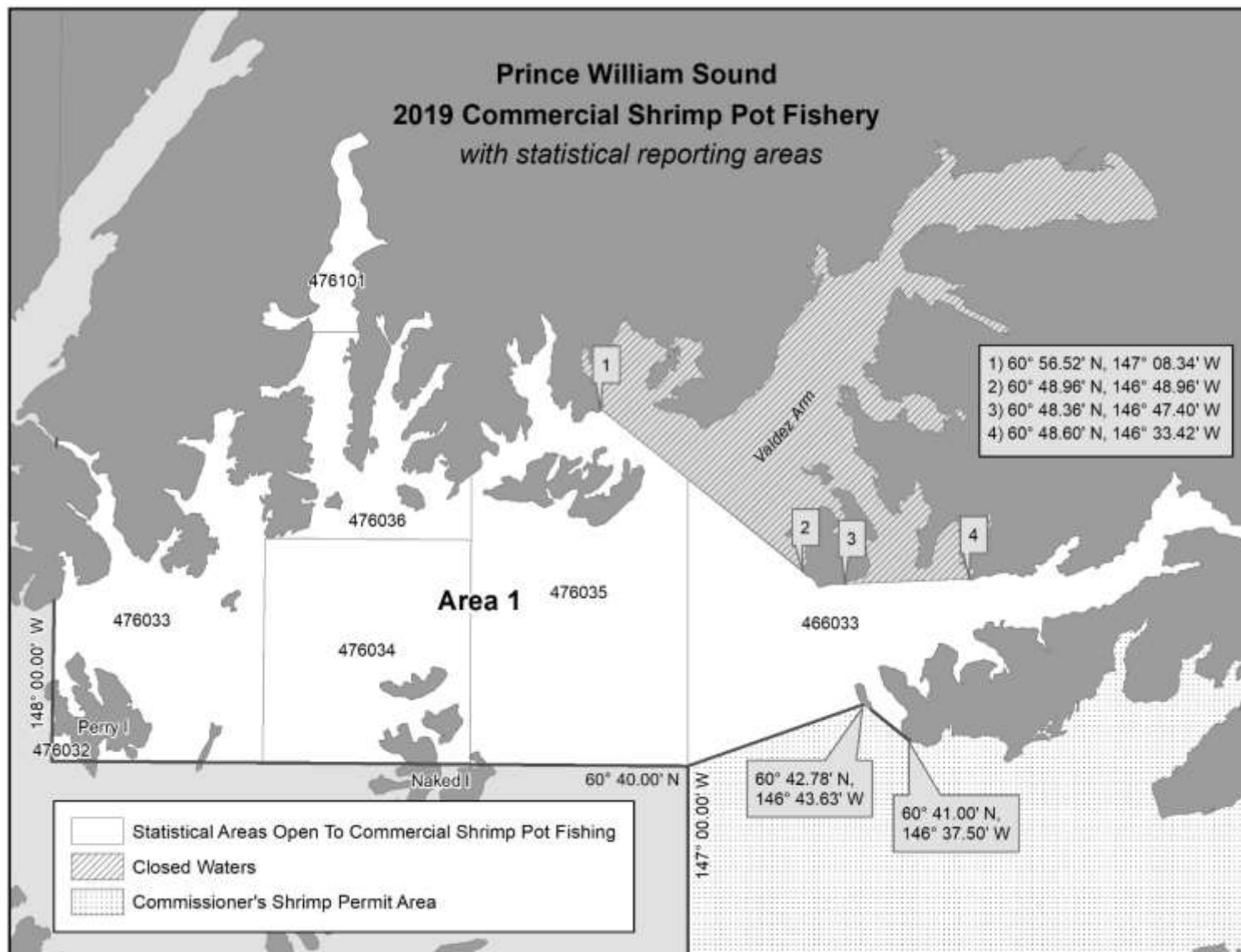


Figure 1.—2019 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishing area.