



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Area
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, 2020 with an allocation of 68,100 lb. The fishery will be open only in waters designated as Area 2, which are indicated on the attached map (Figure 1).

All participants must possess a 2020 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 will be available next week 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. Wednesday, April 1.** 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.

ADF&G will be holding a preseason meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Egan Center, 555 W. Fifth Avenue, Anchorage. ADF&G staff will discuss season plans, fishery requirements, survey results, logbooks, and field questions about the upcoming season.

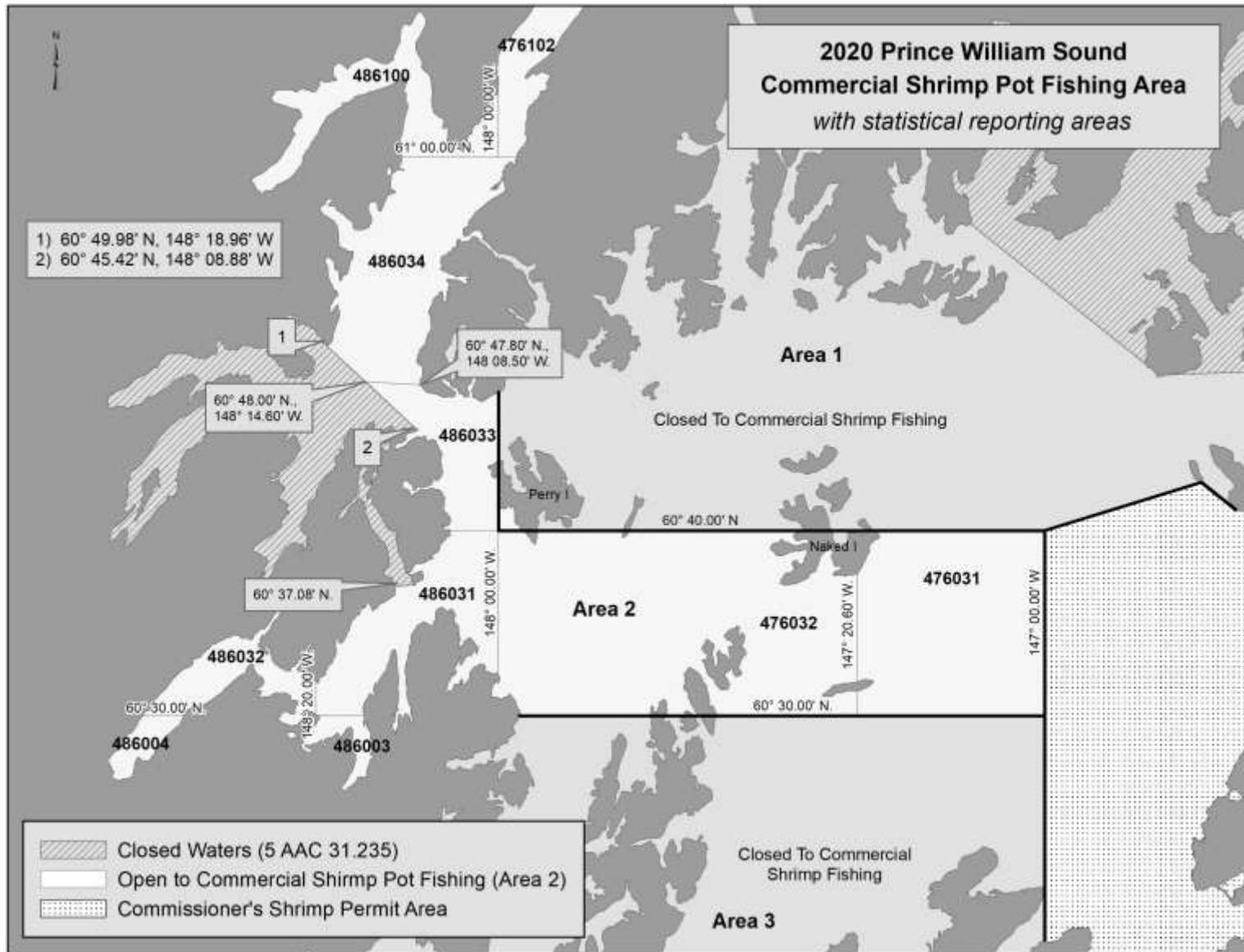


Figure 1.—2020 Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery Area 2.
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