COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
DISTRICT 9 AND SECTIONS 13-A/B CLOSURE

Effort levels and catch rates indicate the 6,500-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) for District 9 and the 15,000-pound GHL for Sections 13-A/B will be reached by Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Therefore, the commercial pot shrimp fishery in District 9 and Sections 13-A/B will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

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 District 9 and Sections 13-A/B until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2020. 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 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 with this announcement is EO 1C2120.

Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.