Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: October 8, 2020

SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the pot shrimp fleet moves from previously closed areas with distinct GHLs. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each area with a distinct GHL two or three days prior to the closure. Harvest estimates are as of October 8, 2020. The next pot shrimp update will occur on Thursday, October 15, 2020.

District 1: Estimated harvest: 37,000 pounds. The GHL is 50,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close Sunday, October 11, 2020.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 45,000 pounds. The GHL is 40,000 pounds. **District 2 will close at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020.**

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 88,000 pounds. The GHL is 114,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close Saturday, October 10 or Sunday, October 11, 2020.

Sections 3-B/C: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 30,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 30, 2020.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2021.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2021.

Sections 6-B/C/D: Harvest is confidential. The preseason GHL is 42,900 pounds. This area is being managed under an inseason management regime. The inseason GHL will be determined by October 14. Accurate closure dates cannot be estimated until an inseason GHL is determined; however, it is estimated District 6 will close between October 15 and October 22, 2020.

District 7: Estimated harvest: 82,000 pounds. The GHL is 74,300 pounds. **District 7 will close at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020.**

Sections 8-B/6-A: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 10 and October 15, 2020.

Sections 8-A/10-C: Estimated harvest: 3,000 pounds. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 10 and October 13, 2020.

District 9: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 6,500 pounds. **District 9 closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**

Sections 10-A/B: Estimated harvest: 42,000 pounds. The GHL is 35,000 pounds. **Sections 10-A/B closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6, 2020.**

District 12-Tenakee Inlet: Estimated harvest: 10,600 pounds. The GHL is 10,000 pounds. **District 12-Tenakee Inlet closed at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 2, 2020.**
Sections 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 19,800 pounds. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. **Sections 13-A/B closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**

District 14: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 7,500 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 26 and October 31, 2020.

District 15: (East side) Harvest is confidential. GHL is 3,500 pounds (Taiya Inlet only). It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 15, 2020.

District 15: (Remainder) Harvest is confidential. GHL is 7,500 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2021.

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. Catcher–Processor and Catcher–Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report harvest information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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/](https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/).

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*Confidential

Closed: Districts 9 and 12-T, Sections 10-A/B and 13-A/B.

No reported harvest: Districts 4 and 5.


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