



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY UPDATE

This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the shrimp pot fleet moves from previously closed areas with distinct guideline harvest levels (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 15, 2020. The next shrimp pot fishery update will occur on **Thursday, October 22, 2020**.

District 1: Estimated harvest: 51,000 pounds. The GHL is 50,000 pounds. **District 1 closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 11, 2020.**

District 2: Estimated harvest: 49,000 pounds. The GHL is 40,000 pounds. District 2 closed at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020.

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 128,000 pounds. The GHL is 114,000 pounds. **Section 3-A closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 11, 2020.**

Sections 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 9,000 pounds. The GHL is 30,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 26 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: Reported harvest: 23,500 pounds. Inseason information indicates that the GHL should be reduced by 30% and the revised GHL is 30,000 pounds. **Sections 6-B/C/D will close at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2020.**

District 7: Reported harvest: 67,500 pounds. The GHL is 74,300 pounds. District 7 closed at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020.

Sections 8-B/6-A: Reported harvest: 14,400 pounds. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. **Sections 8-B/6-A closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 11, 2020.**

Sections 8-A/10-C: Reported harvest: 13,400 pounds. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. **Sections 8-A/10-C closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 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: Reported harvest: 51,600 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: Reported harvest: 12,048 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: Reported harvest: 18,982 pounds. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. Sections 13-A/B closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

District 14: Estimated harvest: 7,500 pounds. The GHL is 7,500 pounds. **District 14 closed at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020.**

District 15: (East side) Estimated harvest: 2,650 pounds. The GHL is 3,500 pounds (Taiya Inlet only). It is estimated the season will close between October 19 and October 21, 2020.

District 15: (Remainder) Harvest is confidential. The 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.

State offices will be closed on Monday, October 19, in observation of Alaska Day.

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/>.

Number of boats, week 42 (Oct 11-Oct 17). Data compiled October 15.

District	1	3A	3B/C	4	5	6B/C/D	8B/6A	8A/10C	14	15
Boats	22	21	8	0	0	6	8	8	4	*

*Confidential

Closed: Districts 1, 2, 7, 9, 12-T, and 14, Sections 3-A, 8-B/6-A, 8-A/10-C, 10-A/B, and 13-A/B.

No reported harvest: Districts 4 and 5.

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