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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP ANNOUNCEMENT
FISHERY CLOSURE

The following areas will close by regulation at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, February 28, 2021:

District 4: Harvest is confidential. District 4 will reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2021;

District 5: Harvest is 2,100 lbs. District 5 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2021;

District 15 (west side): Harvest is confidential. District 15 (west side) will reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2021.

The department will announce areas open for the summer fishery no later than May 1, 2021. By May 1, the department will have had time to analyze all available harvest and biological data for areas with remaining quota. Areas that are determined to have less than desirable stock health or areas that have low remaining quota will not reopen for the summer fishery.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of the closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Districts 4, 5, and 15 until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 7, 2021. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher–sellers 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)].

Catcher–processor vessels fishing in these areas are required to contact ADF&G and report within 72 hours of the closure. Catcher–processor vessels must report the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

Areas	Pounds Harvested	Closure Date
District 1	53,000	October 11 2020
District 2	52,500	October 9, 2020
Section 3-A	132,700	October 11, 2020
Section 3-B/C	27,300	October 26, 2020
District 4	Confidential	February 28, 2021
District 5	2,100	February 28, 2021
Section 6-B/C/D	32,600	October 17, 2020
District 7	90,400	October 9, 2020
Section 8-A/10-C	20,600	October 13, 2020
Section 8-B/6-A	15,100	October 11, 2020
District 9	10,600	October 7, 2020
Section 10-A/B	58,600	October 6, 2020
District 11-Seymour	N/A	No Fishery
District 11 Remainder	N/A	No Fishery
District 12-Tenakee	11,800	October 2, 2020
District 12-Remainder	N/A	No Fishery
Section 13-A/B	19,000	October 7, 2020
Section 13-C	N/A	No Fishery
District 14	8,500	October 15, 2020
District 15 (east side)	4,200	October 19, 2020
District 15 (west side)	Confidential	February 28, 2021
District 16	N/A	No Fishery
Total Harvest	546,000	

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
<i>AWT</i>	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220