



Advisory Announcement

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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTIONS 10-A/B CLOSURE

The Sections 10-A/B commercial shrimp pot fishery will close effective at 4:00 p.m., Friday October 8, 2021. Effort and harvest rates indicate the 35,000-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) may be reached by the time of the closure. Harvest rates declined sharply from the past two seasons to approximately half and are below baseline levels. Samples of spot prawn from an on the grounds survey conducted on Monday, October 4, indicate a decline in the size of egg bearing females. The sharp decline in harvest rates and decline in shrimp size, as well as concern for localized depletions in the core fishing areas, leads to a precautionary approach in achieving the GHL.

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 Sections 10-A/B until 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2021. 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 1C2721.

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/>.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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