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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTIONS 6-B/C/D EXTENSION

The Sections 6-B/C/D commercial shrimp pot fishery will be extended and will now close at 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 26, 2023. Upon further consideration of effort and resultant harvest levels, the department determined additional time is warranted.

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 6-B/C/D until 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2023. 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 (ADF&G) 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]).

<u>All commercial shrimp fishermen</u> 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 Guideline Harvest Limit (GHL).

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1C1823.

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