



## Advisory Announcement

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## COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 7 CLOSURE

The District 7 commercial shrimp pot fishery will close effective at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, May 27, 2023. District 7 is being managed under an inseason approach. Analysis of fall and spring survey results, commercial harvest, and sampling information from the first week of the fishery indicate that the guideline harvest level (GHL) should not be adjusted and will remain at 74,300 pounds. Effort levels and harvest rates indicate the GHL will be reached by the time of the closure.

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 District 7 until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 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]).

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 to this announcement is EO 1C2023.

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

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