Division of Commercial Fisheries Sam Rabung, Director

Region I, Petersburg Area Office PO Box 667 Petersburg, AK 99833



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

> PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement For Immediate Release: April 17, 2024 CONTACT: Troy Thynes Region I Management Coordinator troy.thynes@alaska.gov (907) 772-3801

SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

2024/2025 Fishing Season and Fishing Periods

The 2024/2025 shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in those shrimp pot fishing areas listed below and will close at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2024, unless closed earlier by emergency order (5 AAC 31.110). Areas will close when guideline harvest levels (GHLs) have been reached or are expected to be reached by the time of the closure. Shrimp pot fishing areas where the GHLs have not been reached by July 31, 2024, may be reopened on October 1, 2024, for a fall/winter season. The fall/winter shrimp pot fishing season will close by regulation on February 28, 2025.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G or department) will issue weekly fishery updates, usually on Thursday afternoons, to update fishers on the progress of the fishery. Advisory announcements (AA) stating shrimp pot fishing area closures will be issued separately. Shrimp pot fishers should be aware that fishing time in certain shrimp pot fishing areas may be very limited and may close on short notice, depending on harvest rates and effort levels. Fishers should also be aware that entire shrimp pot fishing areas or portions of those areas may close if the department has conservation concerns. If harvest rates are low or sharply declining as the season progresses, areas may be closed before the GHL has been reached to prevent excessive harvests.

Closures will be announced through the department's AA system where permit holders are advised to subscribe to an email list or frequently check for AAs, including the closing of shrimp pot fishing areas. AAs can be found online at: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

There are some areas that will close on short notice and may first be announced by department personnel from the fishing grounds via VHF. In addition, the department may request the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and/or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to announce closures over their VHF radio marine information broadcast. However, this will not be the case for all shrimp fishing areas and the department cannot guarantee that the closure will be announced via the USCG and NOAA marine information broadcasts.

Operation of shrimp fishing gear may only occur during daily fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. (5 AAC 31.124.[e][5]). This means that pots may only be hauled or deployed during this eight-hour period each day.

Shrimp Pot Fishing Areas

Shrimp pot fishing areas with distinct GHLs as indicated in 5 AAC 31.115 *Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A* are comprised of entire districts, sections of a district or multiple districts, or areas within a district. Descriptions of shrimp pot fishing districts and sections can be found in 5 AAC 31.105 *Description of Registration Area A districts and sections*. Shrimp pot fishing areas that are a portion of a district or section are described in the area specific text below. General reference maps of commercial shrimp pot fishing areas can be found at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.shellfish#maps

Waters closed to shrimp pot fishing are included in 5 AAC 31.136 Closed waters in Registration Area A.

Area	2023/2024 Closure Date	Days Open in 2023/2024	10-year Average Harvest	2023/2024 Harvest	2024/2025 GHL
District 1	May 30	16	62,300	39,400	40,000
District 2	May 26	12	44,700	40,000	30,000
Section 3-A	May 26	12	112,200	111,200	114,000
Sections 3-B/C	Feb 28	28	28,200	9,200	20,000
District 4	Feb 28	229	13,200	13,200	20,000
District 5	Feb 28	229	3,000	4,800	12,000
Sections 6-B/C/D	May 26	12	29,400	15,000	15,000
District 7	May 27	13	84,300	68,700	74,300
Sections 8-A/10-C	July 31	78	10,500	10,700	12,000
Sections 8-B/6-A	July 31	78	12,600	19,600	15,000
District 9	May 20	6	11,600	7,800	10,000
Sections 10-A/B	May 22	8	41,600	33,500	35,000
Sections 11-A/B/C	June 2	19	6,000	4,400	Closed
Section 11-D	n/a	n/a	11,500	Closed	7,500
District 12-Tenakee	n/a	n/a	8,800	Closed	Closed
District 12-Remainder	n/a	n/a	7,000	Closed	7,500
Sections 13-A/B	June 8	25	16,300	15,000	15,000
Section 13-C	n/a	n/a	24,400	Closed	Closed
District 14	Feb 28	229	6,700	6,100	Closed
District 15-East	June 1	18	5,600	Confidential	3,500
District 15 Remainder	June 7	24	4,800	Confidential	7,500
District 16	June 17	34	10,300	Confidential	Closed

2023/24 season summary and GHLs for the 2024/2025 season in pounds of whole shrimp.	2023/24 season summar	y and GHLs for the 202	24/2025 season in pour	nds of whole shrimp.
---	-----------------------	------------------------	------------------------	----------------------

Notes on Table: Bold type indicates GHL has changed from the previous season.

The department has completed an annual review of available shrimp stock status information for each area with a distinct GHL and will manage the 2024/2025 season for GHLs identified in the table above. The preseason combined regional GHL for the 2024/2025 season is **438,300 pounds** of whole shrimp.

Management Approach and GHLs for 2024/2025 Season

For a detailed description of GHL determinations for each shrimp pot fishing area, management approach for the 2024/25 season, and general overview of the shrimp pot fishery please review the ADF&G management memo found on the ADF&G website at: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.shellfish#management</u>

Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery management practices will be similar to those implemented for the 2023/24 season. Information from fall surveys will be considered to adjust GHLs and/or fishing areas. If fall survey information suggests that GHLs should be adjusted, the slow up and fast down approach will be utilized. Increases in GHLs will be a maximum of 45% or up to the upper end of the Guideline Harvest Range (GHR). Decreases in GHL will be a maximum of 45%; if data indicates larger decrements are necessary, the area may be closed for the season. If adjustments are warranted, the adjusted GHL may be announced prior to the start of the season. Active inseason adjustments to GHLs will not be utilized this season. In addition, with annual harvest levels becoming smaller and more difficult to manage within the Juneau Management Area, most Juneau areas will be opened on a staggered 2 to 3-year rotational basis to provide some annual opportunity in the area.

Shrimp Pot Fishery

District 1: will open with a decreased GHL of 40,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The overall District 1 shrimp stock exhibits relatively stable stock health. However, commercial CPUE data for the Back Behm area is close to the lowest levels since the inception of the shrimp fishery in 1995, and the West Behm area had the lowest commercial CPUE data since 1995. Additionally, the fall 2023 preseason survey recorded the lowest catch rates of all size classes of shrimp in both Back Behm and West Behm since the survey began in 2011 and continued to show very poor recruitment into the fishery with very few small shrimp (<32 mm) encountered in the survey. The waters of Behm Canal north of a line from Escape Point at 55° 39.07' N lat, 131°43.04' W long, to Point Francis at 55°40.21' N lat, 131°46.11' W long and west of the longitude of Point Whaley at 131°15.84' W long will close at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The recent 10-year average harvest is 62,800 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 39,400 pounds of spot shrimp, and the season closed May 30, 2023. The remainder of District 1 is expected to close on or before May 30, 2024.

<u>District 2</u>: will open with a decreased GHL of 30,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Conservation measures are being taken in response to both the 2023 fall survey results, which showed small size class catch rates at an all-time low coupled with a significant decrease in all size classes of shrimp, and the low commercial fishery CPUE during the spring 2023/24 fishery in Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm. The waters of Twelve-Mile Arm will remain closed south of the latitude of Outer Point at 55°31.24' N lat for the entire 2024/25 season. Additionally, the waters of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm west of the longitude of Kasaan Point at 132°16.87' W long will close at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. The recent 10-year average harvest is 44,300 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 40,000 pounds and the season closed May 26, 2023. The remainder of District 2 is expected to close on or before May 26, 2024.

<u>Section 3-A</u>: will open with a GHL of 114,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The preseason survey has shown stock health in Hetta Inlet remains low; Hetta Inlet will continue to be closed north of the latitude of Hetta Point at 55°10.40' N lat. The recent 10-year average harvest is 122,900 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 112,200 pounds and the season closed May 26, 2023. Section 3-A is expected to close on or before May 26, 2024.

<u>Sections 3-B/C</u>: will open with a GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Given the potential impact on harvest and effort in Sections 3-B/C immediately after Section 3-A closes, there may be an announced closure shortly after the closure of Section 3-A to not exceed the GHL. The recent 10-year average harvest is 28,800 pounds. The district closed July 31, 2023, and reopened for the fall/winter season. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 9,200 pounds and the season closed by regulation on February 28, 2024. Section 3-B/C is expected to close on or before June 15, 2024.

<u>District 4</u>: will open with a GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The district closed July 31, 2023, and reopened for the fall/winter season. The recent 10-year average harvest is 17,200 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 13,200 pounds and the season closed by regulation on February 28, 2024. District 4 is expected to close on or before July 31, 2024, and may reopen for the fall season.

<u>District 5</u>: will open with a GHL of 12,000 pounds of spot shrimp. District 5 closed by regulation on February 28, 2024. The total harvest for the 2023/24 season was 4,800 pounds. District 5 is expected to close on or before July 31, 2024, and may reopen for the fall season.

<u>Sections 6-B/C/D</u>: will open with a GHL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp. In the 2023/24 season, the district was opened for a fixed season of 8 days for an anticipated harvest of 15,000 pounds but was extended for 4 days. The final harvest was 15,000 pounds. The season closed May 26, 2023. The recent 10-year average harvest is 29,400 pounds. To facilitate cautious management of the rebounding shrimp stocks in Sections 6-B/C/D, the department will be closely monitoring harvest trends and may close the area before the GHL has been reached. Catcher–processors and catcher–sellers in Sections 6-B/C/D will be required to report the previous days catch information to the department <u>daily</u> by 5:00 pm, beginning Friday, May 17, 2024. Sections 6-B/C/D are expected to close on or before May 28, 2024.

<u>District 7</u>: will open with a base GHL of 74,300 pounds of spot shrimp. The 10-year average harvest is 85,600 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest was 68,700 pounds and the district closed May 27, 2023. Based on fall survey information, the department has concerns about the health of the District 7 shrimp stocks. The department will be closely monitoring harvests trends and may consider closing the area before the GHL is achieved. Catcher–processors and catcher–sellers in District 7 will be required to report the previous days catch information to the department <u>daily</u> by 5:00 pm, beginning Friday, May 17, 2024. District 7 is expected to close on or before June 1, 2024.

<u>Sections 8-A/10-C</u>: will open with a GHL of 12,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 10,500 pounds. In the 2023/24 season, this area closed July 31, 2023, with a harvest of 10,700 pounds. Sections 8-A/10-C are expected to close on or before July 31, 2024.

<u>Sections 8-B/6-A</u>: will open with a GHL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 12,600 pounds. In the 2023/24 season, the area closed July 31, 2023, with a harvest of 19,600 pounds. Sections 8-B/6-A are expected to close on or before June 30, 2024.

<u>District 9</u>: will open with a GHL of 10,000 pounds of spot shrimp. District 9 will close on Sunday, May 19, 2024. However, if inseason harvest reports indicate that additional fishing time is warranted to harvest the GHL, the season may be extended; notice of a fishery extension may occur as late as 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The recent 10-year average harvest is 11,600 pounds. The 2023/24 harvest was 7,800 pounds and the season closed May 20, 2023.

<u>Sections 10-A/B</u>: will open with a GHL of 35,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 41,600 pounds. The 2023/24 harvest was 33,500 pounds and the area closed May 22, 2023. Similar effort to last season is anticipated in this area, and it is likely that the GHL will again be met quickly. Catcher–processors and catcher–sellers in Sections 10-A/B will be required to report the previous days catch information to the department <u>daily</u> by 5:00 pm, beginning Friday, May 17, 2024. Sections 10-A/B are expected to close on or before May 23, 2024.

<u>Sections 11-A/B/C (District 11-Remainder)</u>: **will be closed**. Due to declining trends in commercial CPUE and indications of serial depletion, commercial, personal use, and sport shrimp pot fisheries in **Section 11-A** were closed in 2013 and **will remain closed to rebuild stocks**. Sections 11-A/B/C had a GHL reduced from 7,500 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp from the 2012/13 season through the 2016/17 season to 4,000 pounds in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons due to declining commercial CPUE and most of the fishing concentrated in a small area that was closed in those last 2 seasons. Sections 11-A/B/C were closed from the 2019/20 through 2021/22 seasons and reopened in the 2023/24 season without the small area closure. The 2023/24 harvest was 4,400 pounds and the area closed June 2, 2023. It is anticipated that Sections 11-A/B/C openings will remain on a multiple-year rotational strategy.

Section 11-D (District 11-Seymour Canal): will open with a GHL of 7,500 pounds of spot shrimp. Based on declines in commercial CPUE and the observed contraction of the area fished, the GHL was reduced to 15,000 pounds for the 2013/14 season and was further reduced to 12,000 pounds for the 2014/15 through 2018/19 seasons. With continuing declines in CPUE and further contraction of the fishing grounds, the GHL was reduced to 10,000 pounds for the 2019/20 season and was closed the next 3 seasons with CPUE falling to record lows. Results of the third consecutive (2021-2023) annual department survey had the lowest large and small size class shrimp CPUE but with only a 3-year baseline there is merit in evaluating commercial CPUE with a 25% reduced GHL in place. Expected effort and resultant harvest levels are unknown. Department staff are planning to be on the grounds to monitor the fishery and obtain samples.

<u>District 12 – Tenakee Inlet (12-T)</u>: will remain closed. Overall CPUE from the 2023 department survey is at the lowest level yet and there appears to be a recruitment failure with minimal small size class shrimp observed. The personal use and sport shrimp pot fisheries will remain closed throughout 2024. The survey will monitor the health of the shrimp population and inform future fishing opportunities.

<u>District 12 – Remainder (12-R)</u>: will open with a GHL of 7,500 pounds of spot shrimp. After a 3-year closure to rebuild stocks, 12-R was reopened for the 2015/16 season with a GHL reduced from 10,000 pounds to 7,500 pounds. Catch rates in Kelp Bay, the primary driver of the area, were unchanged and another 3-year closure was instated to continue to rebuild stocks. Kelp Bay saw improved CPUE when it was next opened in the 2019/20 season and then a substantial drop in CPUE during the 2021/22 season when it was next opened on an alternate year strategy. Effort level is unknown, and the area could close within one week of the opening.

<u>Sections 13-A/B</u>: will open with a GHL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 16,300 pounds. The 2023/24 harvest was 15,000 pounds and the season closed June 8, 2023. Sections 13-A/B are expected to close on or before May 31, 2024.

<u>Section 13-C</u>: will remain closed. Due to poor stock health metrics from the survey (especially from an apparent decline in the number of small shrimp), Section 13-C was closed for the 2023/24 season and will remain closed through the 2024/25 season.

<u>District 14</u>: **will be closed.** District 14 openings have been on a two-year rotational strategy since opening in the 2016/17 season after a three-year closure. In the 2023/24 season, overall commercial fishery CPUE was below the long-term baseline and effort was spread throughout the district. The GHL was not harvested by the regulatory closure at the end of February and the harvest was 6,100 pounds of spot shrimp. It is anticipated that District 14 will remain in the same alternate year opening cycle.

<u>District 15-East</u>: will open with a GHL of 3,500 pounds of coonstripe shrimp in Taiya Inlet north of the latitude of Taiya Point at 59°17.27' N lat, and in Lutak Inlet in waters northwest of a line from Tanani Point at 59°16.39' N lat, 135°26.46' W long to Taiya Point at 59°17.27' N lat, 135°24.12' W long. Chilkoot Inlet will remain closed. Due to stock health concerns, Lutak and Chilkoot Inlets have been closed since the 2018-19 season. Lutak and Chilkoot Inlets will open on an every-other-year rotational fishery to provide some opportunity and to assess the stock health in these areas.

The 10-year average harvest for District 15-East is 5,600 pounds. The 2023/24 harvest from Taiya Inlet is confidential and the season closed June 1, 2023. **District 15-East is expected to close on or before June 8, 2024, depending on effort.**

<u>District 15-Remainder</u>: will open with a GHL of 7,500 pounds of coonstripe shrimp. The remainder of District 15 includes all waters of Chilkat Inlet and waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long and north of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat. The traditional core fishing area occurs in Chilkat Inlet and the 10-year average harvest is 4,800 pounds. The 2023/24 season's harvest is confidential, and the season closed on June 7, 2023. District 15-Remainder is expected to close on or before June 15, 2024.

<u>District 16</u>: **will be closed**. Following 2 alternate season openings in the 2016/17 and 2018/19 seasons with rapidly falling CPUE and average harvest below 50% of the GHL, District 16 was opened in the 2023/24 season with a 20% reduced GHL of 12,000 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp. The 2023/24 harvest is confidential, and the season closed on June 17, 2023. It is anticipated that openings will remain on a multiple-year rotational strategy.

Vessel Registration, Shrimp Pot Identification Tags, and Catcher–Processor Logbook Program

All vessels shrimp pot fishing must be registered with the department prior to fishing. Permit holders can register at any of the Southeast Alaska area offices Monday through Friday during normal working hours. For this season, permit holders may contact area offices to register or unregister via email. During the 2024/25 season, pot tags will <u>not</u> be required. **Catcher–processor vessels participating in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery will be required to complete a daily logbook.** Logbooks will be available at Southeast Alaska area offices. Details of the logbook program are described later in this advisory announcement.

Reporting Requirements

All commercial shrimp pot fishers are required to notify the department within 2 days of deploying gear and within 2 business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district with a distinct GHL.

Catcher–processors (including direct marketers) and catcher–sellers are required to report to the department by noon Wednesday of each week, unless otherwise indicated. Due to the fishery beginning on Wednesday, the first week's reports will be due by noon, Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

In Sections 6-B/C/D, District 7, and Sections 10-A/B, catcher–processors and catcher–sellers will be required to report the <u>previous days</u> catch information to the department <u>daily</u> by 5:00 pm, beginning Friday, May 17, 2024. For questions regarding the daily reporting requirement, please contact the Petersburg office at (907) 772-3801.

page 6 of 8

At a minimum, **catcher–processors** are required to report **daily** fish ticket information including:

- fishing vessel name;
- permit holder name;
- statistical area(s) fished;
- pots hauled;
- pounds of shrimp by species (whole and/or tails); and
- pounds of XL (or equivalent) and greater spot shrimp.

At a minimum, **catcher–sellers** are required to report fish ticket information including:

- fishing vessel name;
- permit holder name;
- statistical area(s) fished;
- pots hauled; and
- pounds of shrimp by species (whole and/or tails).

Fishers are advised that it would be most efficient to contact the office responsible for each area:

- Districts 1–4: Ketchikan at (907) 225-5195;
- Districts 5–8 and 10: Petersburg at (907) 772-3801 Ext. 114;
- Districts 11, 12, 14, and 16: Juneau at (907) 465-4250;
- Districts 9 and 13: Sitka at (907) 747-6688; and
- District 15: Haines at (907) 766-2830.

Reports can also be delivered to the department via email: <u>DFGSEspotshrimpinfo@alaska.gov</u>.

The department is asking all catcher boats (those boats selling directly to a shorebased processor) in District 7 to participate in a voluntary logbook program. Details of the voluntary logbook program will be discussed at the time of registration.

General Fish Ticket Reporting Requirements

All fishers must complete a fish ticket at the time of landing. It is important to include the statistical area information (example: 107-10, lower Ernest Sound) to identify where the harvest occurred. Multiple statistical areas can be entered on a single fish ticket and fishers should account for the harvest from each statistical area. A separate fish ticket is required for each district or fishing area that has a GHL (5 AAC 31.143 [c]). Statistical area maps can be found on the ADF&G website at <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercialByFishery.statmaps</u>.

The shrimp fish ticket has a box in the heading to record the number of pot lifts specific to that ticket. To obtain accurate CPUE information, the department is <u>requiring</u> that information concerning the number of pot lifts is recorded on each fish ticket. The daily number of pots lifted should be written on the top of the fish ticket in the effort box. The effort column in the body of the ticket should be left blank. For example, if 100 pots are fished twice a day, the number of pot lifts should read 200 for that day. All fish tickets must be imprinted with a valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) card and completed at the time of delivery. The department also requests that fishers fill in the number of days actually fished (days gear was in the water) each time they pick their gear.

All shrimp catcher–processors are required to complete a separate fish ticket for each day fished for each district or portion of a district with a distinct GHL. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within 7 days of the closure of a district or portion of a district with a distinct GHL. Shrimp catcher–processors must contact the department before fishing in a new district/area with a distinct GHL.

All **catcher–sellers shall complete a fish ticket or tickets before any shrimp are removed** from the vessel indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species.

Catcher–Processor Logbook Program

Regulations (5 AAC 31.141 and 5 AAC 31.143[b][1][E]) require all vessels participating in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery to complete a daily logbook if they process their catch onboard the vessel (catcher–processor vessels). All catcher–processor vessels will be required to keep logbooks regardless of the product type (whole or tails) they process. Logbooks and instructions will be available at all area offices. Catcher–processors will be required to complete a logbook registration form when registering for the fishery which will include gear information and the size category breakdown used onboard. Daily logbooks will include pounds caught by size category, species, product type, location, date, and corresponding ticket number. Logbooks will be required to be turned in with the corresponding fish tickets when switching between districts or portions of a district with a distinct GHL, no later than 7 days after a closure.

Octopus Bycatch

A management plan has been adopted (5 AAC 38.150 *Octopus Bycatch Management Plan*) and **a commissioner's permit is not required to retain and sell octopus bycatch.** The regulation allows for retention of octopus up to 35% of the whole weight of spot shrimp harvested and provides for a maximum harvest level of 35,000 pounds of octopus for Registration Area A. The department will close the fishery to further retention of octopus by emergency order if the maximum level is reached. **All octopus sold or retained for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.**

Shrimp Pot Fishing Offshore

Offshore waters are included in Districts 4, 13, and 16; the boundary lines of which are described in 5 AAC 31.105 (d), (m), and (p). The offshore area includes the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States. The EEZ extends 200 nautical miles offshore from the defined fish districts (Presidential Proclamation 5030). Fishers who wish to fish in offshore waters may do so only if those districts are open. Shrimp harvested in these areas will be part of existing GHLs for those districts. Fishers who wish to fish in these areas must have a Southeast Alaska commercial shrimp pot fishery CFEC permit card.

General Information

The information contained in this advisory announcement is intended as a summary of important regulations. Participants in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery are reminded to obtain and review a copy of the 2023–2024 Statewide Commercial Fishing Regulations Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish booklet.

Fishery Management Contacts

For information on the commercial shrimp pot fishery, contact the Area Management Biologists.

<u>Ketchikan</u> Fishing Areas: Districts 1, 2, and 4; Section 3-A and Sections 3-B/C Phone: 225-5195 Contacts: Bo Meredith, Justin Breese, or Whitney Crittenden

<u>Petersburg</u> Fishing Areas: Districts 5 and 7; Sections 6-B/C/D, 8-A/10-C, 8-B/6-A, and 10-A/B Phone: 772-3801 Contacts: Katie Taylor or Tom Kowalske

<u>Sitka</u> Fishing Areas: District 9; Sections 13-A/B and 13-C Phone: 747-6688 Contacts: Aaron Dupuis or Anthony Walloch

<u>Juneau</u> Fishing Areas: Districts 12, 14, and 16; Sections 11-A/B/C and 11-D Phone: 465-4250 Contacts: Scott Forbes or Ray Vinzant

<u>Haines</u> Fishing Area: District 15 Phone: 766-2830 Contact: Nicole Zeiser

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

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220