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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP ANNOUNCEMENT FISHERY CLOSURE**

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the closure of the commercial pot shrimp fishery and the following information concerning the 2013/2014 winter season.

**The following areas will close by regulation at 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2014:**

District 4: Estimated harvest: 10,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds remaining. District 4 is not expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2014.

District 5: Estimated harvest: 3,000 pounds, 17,000 pounds remaining. District 5 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2014.

District 15 (Remainder): Estimated harvest: confidential. District 15 is not expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2014.

**The Department will announce areas open for the summer fishery no later than May 1, 2014. By May 1, the Department will have completed processing of shrimp samples taken from the fisheries and surveys and will have had to 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 (west of a line from Little Island light to Seduction Point) until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2014. 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.

<b>Closed Areas</b>	<b>Pounds Harvested</b>	<b>Closure Date</b>
District 1	54,000	October 14, 2013
District 2	62,000	October 19, 2013
Section 3-A	123,000	October 13, 2013
Section 3-B/C	25,000	October 19, 2013
District 4	10,000	February 28, 2014
District 5	3,000	February 28, 2014
District 6	35,500	October 21, 2013
District 7	95,000	October 17, 2013
District 8	12,000	October 28, 2013
District 9	15,000	October 11, 2013
District 10	36,000	October 10, 2013
District 11- Seymour	13,000	October 8, 2013
District 11 - Remainder	8,500	October 19, 2013
Section 13-A/B	16,000	November 25, 2011
Section 13-C	23,000	October 4, 2013
District 15 (Eastern)	8,200	November 8, 2013
District 15 (Western)	Confidential	February 28, 2014
<b>SE Pot Shrimp Est. Harvest</b>	<b>540,000</b>	

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