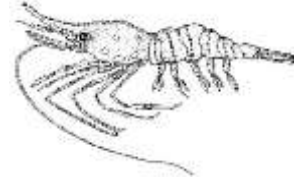


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### **FISHERY UPDATE** **NORTH GULF COAST PERSONAL USE SHRIMP FISHERY OPENS**

The Personal Use season for shrimp fishing with pot gear in North Gulf Coast (NGC) area waters will be open April 15 through September 15. NGC personal use shrimp fishing area includes waters from Gore Point to Cape Fairfield (Figure 1).

Only Alaska residents possessing a valid resident Alaska sport fishing license or Alaska residents exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.400 may participate in this fishery.

A **permit is required** prior to harvesting shrimp. Permits are free and available during regular business hours at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Soldotna, Homer, and at the Fish House in Seward. A person must possess or be named as a household member on a permit to participate in the fishery and the permit must be in possession of the person fishing for shrimp. Harvest information must be entered on the permit catch log prior to leaving the fishing grounds. All North Gulf Coast shrimp harvest record cards must be returned to the Homer office by September 30, 2014. Participants in this fishery who do not return their permits risk losing participation privileges in the fishery the following year.

Legal gear for the fishery is five pots per person and a maximum of five pots per vessel. Each shrimp pot must meet the mesh and biodegradable escape mechanism requirements as described on the permit and in regulations 5 AAC 77.511 and 5 AAC 39.145.

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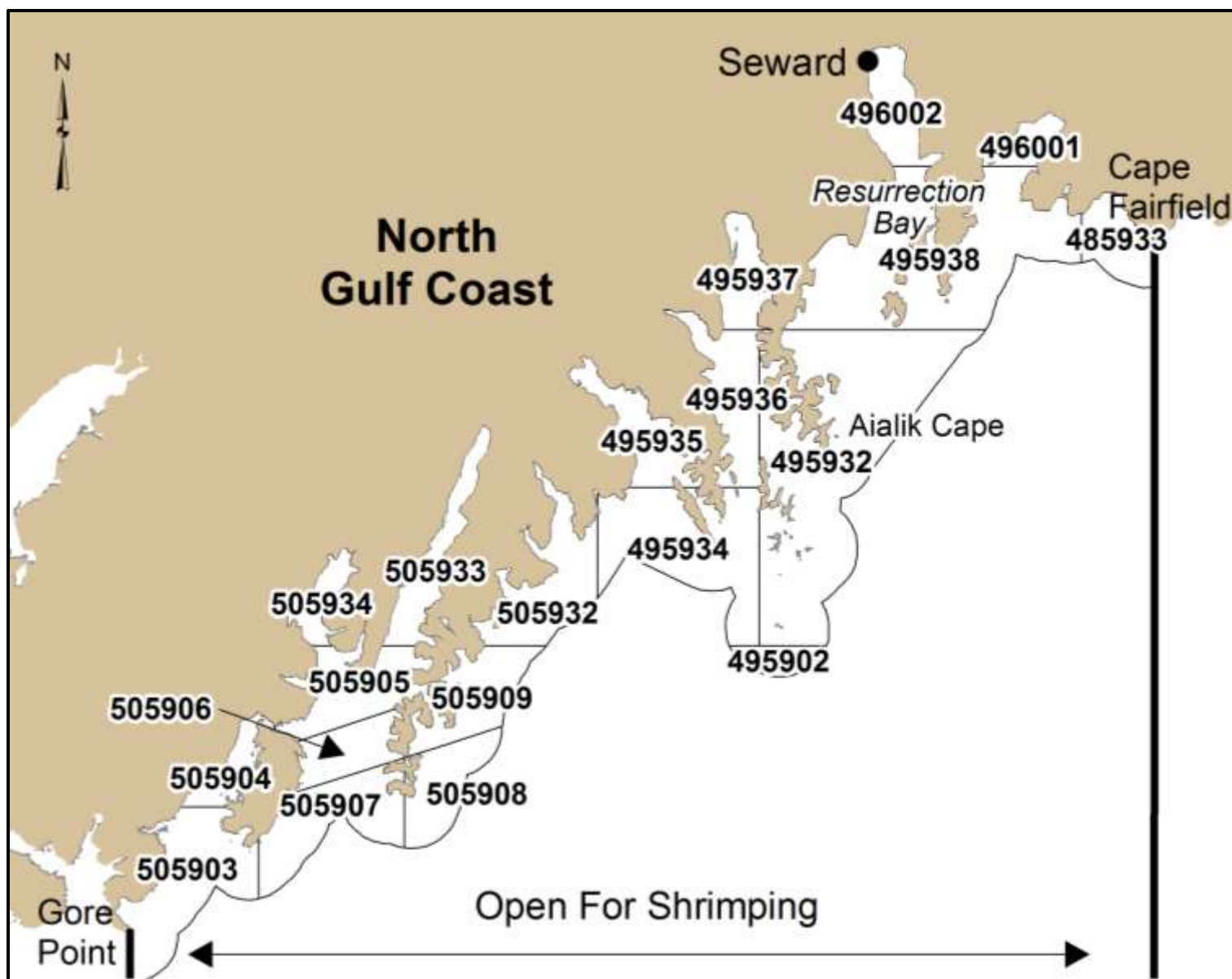


Figure 1. Open waters and state waters reporting areas for the 2014 North Gulf Coast personal use shrimp fishery.