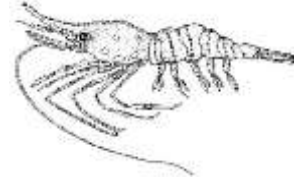


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FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY SECOND PERIOD AND VESSEL POT LIMITS EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-02-14

The PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 am April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 66,600 lb. The first period closed at 8:00 p.m. April 24 and currently the reported harvest is approximately 12,500 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 23 vessels with approximately 8,000 lb harvested from statistical area 486034.

The second period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery will open at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 29 and will close at 8:00 p.m. Thursday May 8.

Gear limits are increased to a maximum of 50 shrimp pots per vessel. A vessel operator may not have more than the legal limit of pot gear in aggregate, on board the vessel or in the water at any time. **Hours of gear operation remain at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The department will be managing the fishery inseason to restrict harvest to no more than 25 percent of the GHL (16,650 lb) harvested from any one statistical area. Inseason measures may include adjusting pot limits, time, and/or statistical area closures in order to remain within the 25 percent statistical area harvest limit. Fishery announcements regarding adjustments will be available on the harvest reporting message line at (907) 424-7215.

In addition to logbook and landing requirements, **all participating fishermen must call ADF&G at (907) 424-7215 on Wednesday before noon and report any effort and harvest that has occurred, using the shrimp harvest report form (5 AAC 31.245(c)).**

Other pertinent fishery regulations are listed in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2012-2015 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** booklet available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>. Contact ADF&G at (907) 424-3212 for further information.

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