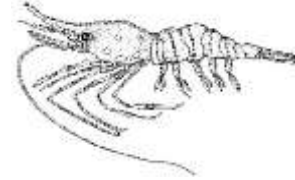


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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL
SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERY WELLS SECTION CLOSURE
EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-07-14**

The commercial shrimp trawl season in the Wells Section of Prince William Sound **will close at 12:00 noon August 2, 2014.**

The PWS trawl fishery for sidestripe shrimp opened on April 15, 2014. The preliminary guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Wells Section was initially set at 61,950 pounds, and adjusted to 60,300 pounds based upon results of the 2014 assessment survey. The department monitors this fishery using weekly catch reports, fish tickets, and catch samples. Available harvest data and fishery catch rates indicate that the GHL will be achieved in the Wells Section of Prince William Sound and therefore will close to commercial shrimp trawl fishing at 12:00 noon August 2.

The GHLs for the remainder of the Northwest Section, and the combined Central and Southwest Sections remain at 14,000 lb and 33,000 pounds respectively. The department will continue to monitor the fishery using fish tickets, logbooks, and skipper interviews.

Fishermen are reminded that they are required to report shrimp harvest and discard by species to ADF&G in Cordova within 24 hours of landing. All fish tickets must be received in the Cordova office within 7 days of landing and must be accompanied by completed logbook forms.

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