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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 6 CLOSURE

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the District 6 commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective at 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 17, 2014.

District 6 is being managed utilizing an experimental inseason management approach. The department has analyzed commercial harvest and sampling information for District 6. Based on this data, the department has determined the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) should be decreased by 35% inseason to 20,800 pounds. Harvest projections indicate the revised GHL will be reached at the time of the closure.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of this closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of District 6 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2014. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers that are 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)].

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must report, weekly, the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period. The department is implementing these requirements in order to more effectively track effort and harvest in the fishery. For further details refer to the News Release dated September 10, 2014.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3014.

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