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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 2 CLOSURE

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the remainder of the District 2 commercial pot shrimp fishery will close effective 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, 2014.

Effort levels and harvest rates obtained by on-site monitoring, fish tickets, and call-in information indicate that the 52,000 pound guideline harvest level (GHL) for District 2 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 2 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. The department is waiving the "ceasing fishing" reporting requirement (under 5 AAC 31.143(a)) for District 2.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3114.

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