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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 11-REMAINDER OF DISTRICT CLOSURE

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the District 11-Remainder of District commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from fish tickets and call in information indicate that the 7,500 pound guideline harvest level for the remainder of District 11 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 the remainder of District 11 until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 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)].

<u>All commercial shrimp fishermen</u> 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. <u>Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller</u> 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 this new requirement this season 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 1C3214.

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