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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
DISRICT 8 CLOSURE

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the District 8 commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained by fish tickets and catcher processor reports indicated that the 10,500 pound District 8 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 the closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of District 8 until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 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 may be 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 1C3414.

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