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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Haines... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced that the Southeast Alaska commercial pot shrimp season will close by emergency order on Friday, June 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the following district:

District 15: will be closed

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from fish tickets indicates that the remaining 3,500 pounds of the guideline harvest level for the western portion of District 15 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 15 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2015. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Catcher-processors must call and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to any Fish and Game area office weekly by 12:00 noon each Wednesday every week they conduct fishing operations. Catcher-sellers are also encouraged to contact the department with catch information by 12:00 noon each Wednesday of every week they fish. Fishermen need to notify the department 72 hours prior to setting gear of the fishermen's intent to fish in an area and no more than 72 hours after stopping operations in an open area. Fishermen are advised that these reporting requirements are in effect until further notice.

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 (ie. 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)].

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1115.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220
Shrimp Hotline	225-6870	772-3700			465-8905		

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District 15 Pot Shrimp Closure