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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed districts. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each district two or three days prior to the closure. Catch estimates are as of October 15, 2015. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Thursday, October 22, 2015**.

District 1: Estimated harvest: 50,000 pounds, 14,000 pounds remaining. **District 1 will close at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2015.**

District 2: Estimated harvest: 12,000 pounds, 30,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 20 and October 23, 2015.

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 120,000 pounds. **Section 3-A closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2015.**

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 19,000 pounds, 11,000 pounds remaining. **Section 3-B/C will close at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015.**

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2016.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2016.

District 6: Estimated harvest: 16,000 pounds. District 6 is being managed under an experimental inseason management regime. Based on catch rates, biological data, and logbook information, the GHL in District 6 will be unchanged from the preseason GHL of 32,000 pounds and is estimated the season will close between October 19 and October 23, 2015.

District 7: Reported harvest: 75,442 pounds. **District 7 closed at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2015.**

District 8: Estimated harvest: 4,000 pounds, 6,500 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 21 and October 24, 2015.

District 10: Reported harvest: 2,851 pounds. **District 10 will close at 4:00 p.m., Thursday October 15, 2015.**

District 11-Seymour Canal: Harvest is confidential. **Seymour Canal closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 11, 2015.**

District 11-Remainder of District: Harvest is confidential. The GHl is 7,500 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 15, 2015.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 5,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between November 10 and November 30, 2015.

District 15: Harvest is confidential: The GHl is 15,000 pounds divided equally between the eastern and the western portions of the district. It is estimated that the eastern portion of the district will close between November 15 and November 30, 2015. It is estimated that the western portion of the district will close on February 28, 2016.

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 call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

Number of boats, week 42 (Oct 11-Oct 17). Data compiled October 15.											
District	1	2	3B/C	4	5	6	8	10	11RoD	13A/B	15
Boats	19	10	9	0	*	6	5	7	*	5	*
*Confidential											
No reported harvest: District 4.											
Closed: Sections 3-A, 13-C, Districts 7, 9, 11-Seymour, and 12-Remainder.											

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