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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 1 AND SECTIONS 3-B/C CLOSURE

Ketchikan... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information about the commercial pot shrimp fishery:

**Sections 3-B/C will close at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015;**

**District 1 will close at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2015.**

It is estimated that the 30,000 pound guideline harvest level (GHL) in Sections 3-B/C and the 64,000 pound GHL in District 1 will be reached by the time of the closures.

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 Sections 3-B/C until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 25, 2015. Pots may be stored in the waters of District 1 until 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2015. 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 closure of a district, or portion of a district with a distinct GHL [5 AAC 31.143. (c)(1)]. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an Alaska Department of Fish and Game 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 in a district, or portion of a district with a distinct GHL. The Department is waiving the "ceasing fishing" reporting requirement (under 5 AAC 31.143(a)) for Sections 3-B/C and District 1.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C2415.

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