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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 29, 2015. **This is the last regular update for the 2015-2016 pot shrimp fishery. Closures of the remaining few GHL areas will be announced separately when they occur.**

District 2: Estimated harvest: 40,000 pounds. **District 2 closed at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2015.**

District 4: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2016.

District 5: Reported harvest: 54 pounds, 11,946 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2016.

District 11-Remainder of District: Estimated harvest: 5,900 pounds, 1,600 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 4, 2015.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 14,000 pounds, 1,000 pounds remaining. **Section 13-A/B will close at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 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 44 (Oct 25-Oct 31). Data compiled October 29.					
District	4	5	11RoD	13A/B	15
Boats	*	3	3	4	*
*Confidential					
Closed: Sections 3-A, 3-B/C 13-C, Districts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11-Seymour, and 12-Remainder.					

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