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COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 11-REMAINDER CLOSURE

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the District 11-Remainder (11-R) commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

The estimated harvest of spot and coonstripe shrimp is currently 6,300 pounds or 84% of the 7,500 pound guideline harvest level (GHL) for District 11-R. With the majority of effort occurring in a relatively small area over the past several seasons, and catch rates steadily decreasing each season, continued fishing to reach the GHL may negatively affect the long-term potential of the stocks, therefore District 11-R will close for the season.

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 11-R until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 11, 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 and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a distinct 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. For further details refer to the News Release dated September 4, 2015.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C2915.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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