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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT FISHERY CLOSURE

Douglas. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) today announced today the closure of the commercial beam trawl fishery, and the following information concerning the 2015/2016 season.

All areas will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m., Sunday February 28th.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher-sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. 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)].

Catcher-processor vessels fishing in these areas are required to contact ADF&G and report within 72 hours of the closure. Catcher-processor vessels must report the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period.

The Department will announce area and period specific Guideline Harvest Levels for the 2016-17 fishery by news release no later than April 15, 2016. By that time, the Department will have completed processing of shrimp samples taken from the fisheries and will have had to time to analyze all available harvest and biological data.

Preliminary catch accounting shows a harvest of 278,200 pounds of trawl shrimp in the traditional portion of District 6, and 473,400 pounds of trawl shrimp in District 8.

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

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