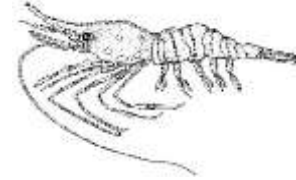


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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY
SECOND PERIOD OPENS
EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-03-16**

The first period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 am April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 47,061 lb, and closed at 8:00 p.m. April 21. The preliminary reported harvest from vessel call-ins is approximately 19,779 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 41 vessels with approximately 16,846 lb harvested from statistical area 476036.

The second period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery will open at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 26 and will close at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 5. The department estimates that the 50 percent GHL harvest limit (23,530 lb) will be reached in statistical area 476036 on Friday, April 29. Therefore, **statistical area 476036 will close to the commercial harvest of shrimp with pot gear at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 29.**

Gear limits remain at a maximum of 30 shrimp pots per vessel. A vessel operator may not have more than the legal limit of pot gear in aggregate, on board the vessel or in the water at any time. **Hours of gear operation remain at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

All participating fishermen must call the reporting line at (907) 424-7215 no earlier than 24 hours before fishing, and report the information detailed on the pre-trip information form (5 AAC 31.245(c)). Additionally, **before landing shrimp, all those operating commercial shrimp pot fishery vessels must call the reporting line** and report the information requested on the harvest reporting form supplied in the registration packet (5 AAC 31.245(b)).

Other pertinent fishery regulations are listed in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** booklet available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>. Contact ADF&G at (907) 424-3212 for further information.

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