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### SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL BEAM TRAWL SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the 2016/2017 Southeast Alaska commercial beam trawl fishery.

#### Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) for fishing period three of the 2016/2017 Season

##### District 6

Three vessels participated in the District 6 fishery during the second fishing period, harvesting a total of 155,555 lb of combined pink and sidestripe shrimp (Table 1). The remaining GHL of 244,445 will be rolled over, bringing the period three GHL to the upper regulatory bound of 400,000 lb of combined pink and sidestripe shrimp (Table 2). As a reminder, the 9,000 lb bycatch limit of coonstripe shrimp was reached on September 11, 2016, thus all coonstripe shrimp caught in District 6 must be retained, sold, and the proceeds surrendered to the state in accordance with 5 AAC 31.116 (d).

##### District 8

Less than three vessels participated in the District 8 fishery during the second fishing period, thus harvest is confidential (Table 1). The GHL for fishing period three will be the upper regulatory bound of 250,000 lb of combined pink and sidestripe shrimp (Table 2). A total of 1,556 lb of the bycatch allowance of spot shrimp was caught in the first two periods leaving a further 4,444 lb of bycatch allowance.

Harvest information from all other districts is Confidential

Table 1. Harvest in pounds by species for the first two trawl shrimp fishing period of the 2016/2017 beam trawl shrimp fishery in traditional areas of southeastern Alaska.

GHL by fishing period	Traditional areas <sup>1</sup>			
	District 6 <sup>1</sup>	District 7 <sup>1</sup>	District 8	District 10 <sup>1</sup>
May 1 - June 30, 2016	167,650	*	105,575	*
July 1 - August 31, 2016	155,555	0	*	*
Remaining spot shrimp bycatch	1,000	1,000	4,444	955
Remaining coonstripe bycatch	0	1,000	9,990	2,970

1. See 5 AAC 31.111(2) in the 2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet for specific descriptions of traditional beam trawl areas in Districts 6, 7 and 10.

\* Data confidential

Table 2. Updated guideline harvest levels (GHLs) in pounds, fishing periods, and spot and coonstripe shrimp bycatch limits in pounds by fishing area for the 2016/2017 beam trawl shrimp fishery in traditional areas of southeastern Alaska.

<b>GHL by fishing period</b>	<b>Traditional areas<sup>1</sup></b>			
	<b>District 6<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>District 7<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>District 8</b>	<b>District 10<sup>1</sup></b>
May 1 - June 30, 2016	300,000	50,000	250,000	75,000
July 1 - August 31, 2016	400,000	50,000	250,000	75,000
September 1 - October 31, 2016			250,000	
September 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017	400,000	50,000		75,000
November 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017**			65,000	

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\*\* Rollover adjustments for District 8 period 4 will be announced by news release in the second week of November.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1716.

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