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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 20, 2016. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Thursday, October 27, 2016.**

District 1: Estimated harvest: 69,000 pounds. District 1 closed at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2016.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 23,000 pounds, 7,000 pounds remaining. **District 2 will close at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 23, 2016.**

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 119,000 pounds. Section 3-A closed at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2016.

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 34,000 pounds. Section 3-B/C closed at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 14, 2016.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHLL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2017.

District 5: Harvest is confidential. The GHLL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2017.

District 6: Estimated harvest: 44,200 pounds. **District 6 closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2016.**

District 7: Estimated harvest: 83,000 pounds. District 7 closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

District 8: Reported harvest: 11,304 pounds. **District 8 closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2016.**

District 9: Reported harvest: 11,205 pounds. District 9 closed at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8, 2016.

District 10: Reported harvest: 33,412 pounds. District 10 closed at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 14, 2016.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Harvest is confidential. Seymour Canal closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 9, 2016.

District 11-Remainder: Harvest is 3,100 pounds, 4,400 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 15, 2016.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 16,000 pounds. Section 13-A/B closed at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Section 13-C: Reported harvest: 26,950 pounds. Section 13-C closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

District 14: Estimated harvest: 6,900 pounds. District 14 closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

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 the season will close February 28, 2017.

District 16: Harvest is confidential. The GHl is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 27 and November 5, 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 43 (Oct 16-Oct 22). Data compiled October 20.						
District	2	4	5	11RoD	15	16
Boats	9	0	*	3	*	*
*Confidential						

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