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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION 13-C CLOSURE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Section 13-C (Hoonah Sound/Peril Strait) commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

In a News Release dated September 1, 2017, it was announced that the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) in Section 13-C will decrease to 21,000 pounds of spot shrimp and a department survey was likely to occur prior to the season to determine if a further reduction is necessary. The department has now completed a survey of the Section 13-C area and has determined that an additional 20% reduction in the GHL is necessary. This season's target GHL in Section 13-C will be 16,000 pounds of whole spot shrimp.

Reported effort levels and previous seasons catch rates indicate that the 16,000 pound guideline harvest level for Section 13-C will be reached at the time of the closure.

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 Section 13-C until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2017. 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 the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers that are intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (ie. 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)].

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 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 1, 2017.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1917.

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