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FISHERY UPDATE



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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 5, 2017. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Thursday, October 12, 2017**.

District 1: Estimated harvest: 26,000 pounds, 38,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 10 and October 12, 2017.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 10,200 pounds, 20,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 12 and October 14, 2017.

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 50,000 pounds, 64,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 10 and October 15, 2017.

Section 3-B/C: Harvest is confidential. The GH L is 30,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 15 and October 25, 2017.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GH L is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2018.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GH L is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2018.

District 6: Estimated harvest: 13,000 pounds. The preseason GH L is 42,900 pounds. District 6 is being managed under an experimental inseason management regime. The inseason GH L will be determined by October 12. Accurate closure dates cannot be estimated until an inseason GH L is determined; however, it is expected District 6 will close between October 12 and October 19, 2017.

District 7: Estimated harvest: 43,500 pounds. The preseason GH L is 74,300 pounds. District 7 is being managed under an experimental inseason management regime. The inseason GH L will be determined by October 11. Accurate closure dates cannot be estimated until an inseason GH L is determined; however, it is expected District 7 will close between October 8 and October 12, 2017.

District 8: Estimated harvest: 5,000 pounds, 4,500 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 8 and October 12, 2017.

District 9: Harvest is confidential. The GHl is 11,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 8 and October 11, 2017.

District 10: Estimated harvest: 20,000 pounds, 9,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season will close between October 8 and October 11, 2017.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Harvest is confidential. The GHl is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 8 and October 10, 2017.

District 11-Remainder: No reported harvest. The GHl is 4,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close by November 15, 2017.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 6,800 pounds. The preseason GHl is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 8 and October 10, 2017.

Section 13-C: Estimated harvest: 12,500 pounds. GHl was 16,000 pounds. **Section 13-C closed at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2017.**

District 15: No reported harvest. The GHl is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2018.

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 40 (Oct 1-Oct 7). Data compiled October 5.																
District	1	2	3A	3B/C	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11RoD	11S	13A/B	13C	15
Boats	19	5	20	*	0	0	4	17	4	*	10	0	*	7	11	0
*Confidential																
No reported harvest: Districts 4, 5, 11-RoD, 15																

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