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TENAKEE INLET PERSONAL USE SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Juneau... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Tenakee Inlet personal use shrimp fishery will reopen effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, December 15, 2017.

The results of the 2017 preseason shrimp survey showed a continued increase in spot shrimp abundance in the surveyed portion of Tenakee Inlet. Catch per unit effort both in terms of biomass and abundance has increased markedly from the population collapse observed in 2011. Current survey catches are at or near historical baselines for the area. Additionally, the size structure of the stock shows a robust size distribution. It appears that the stock has rebuilt sufficiently since the crash that it can again support some level of harvest. However, the department remains concerned with the Tenakee stock as the population collapse observed in the 2011 survey was both unprecedented and not yet fully understood. Reopening of the personal use fishery will allow for limited harvest on the stock and allow examination of stock resilience during the 2018 preseason survey. The fishery will be open through February 28 and then close until May 15 to protect shrimp during the larval release and molting/mating period.

In order to provide some refugia to the Tenakee Inlet shrimp stocks, Tenakee Inlet will remain closed to personal use shrimping west of 135°34.50' W. longitude (west of Long Bay).

Residents wishing to assist the department in obtaining important personal use harvest information are invited to participate in a voluntary logbook/harvest reporting program. Harvest reporting forms are available from department offices listed below.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3517.

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