

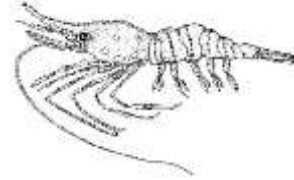
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY**

#### **SECOND PERIOD OPENS**

#### **EMERGENCY ORDER 2-SF-E-04-18**

The first period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery opened at 6:00 am April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 67,200 lb, and closed at 10:00 p.m. April 30. The preliminary reported harvest from vessel call-ins is approximately 20,500 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 33 vessels. Estimated effort was approximately 14,500 pot lifts with an average catch per unit effort (CPUE) of 1.4 whole lb of shrimp per pot. Approximately 10,000 lb was harvested from statistical area 486005.

**The second period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot fishery will open at 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 7 and will remain open** until either a subsequent emergency order is issued or the season closure date of September 15. The department will closely monitor the harvest through call-in reports and fish tickets. Gear limits remain at a maximum of 50 shrimp pots per vessel. A vessel operator may not have more than the legal limit of pot gear in aggregate, on board the vessel or in the water at any time. Hours of gear operation will remain at 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The area open to commercial fishing is Area 3 as shown in Figure 1.

**It is critical that participating fishermen call the reporting line with pre-trip and landing reports at (907) 226-3474 in order for the department to monitor harvest.** The information to be reported is detailed in the registration packet all registrants received. **Reporting requirements must be followed exactly and enforcement action will result for non-compliance.** Reporting is required by regulation (5 AAC 31.245(c) and 5 AAC 31.245(b)).

Other pertinent fishery regulations are listed in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** booklet available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>. Contact ADF&G at (907) 235-8191 for further information.

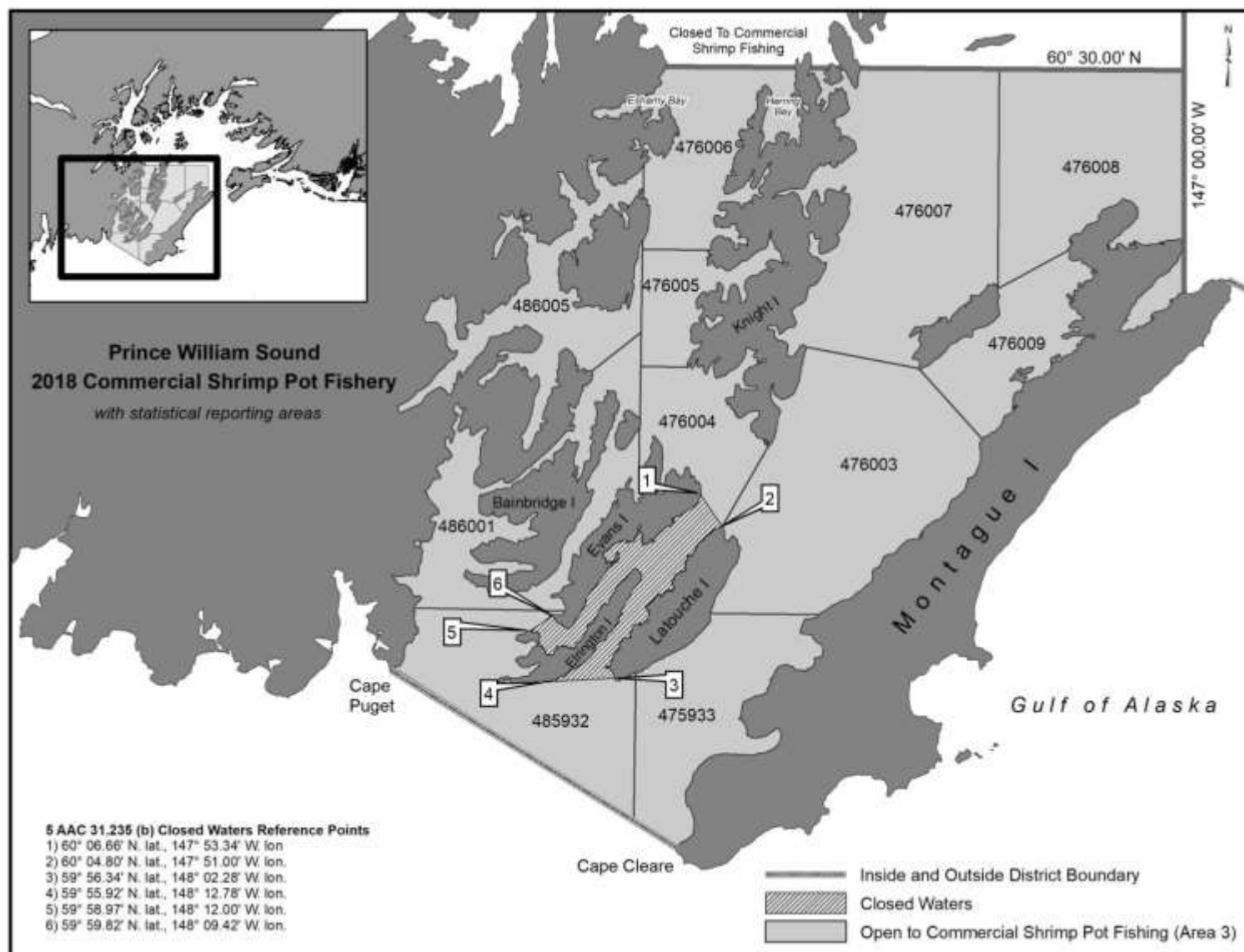


Figure 1. The 2018 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishing area open is Area 3, shown in gray.

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