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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced that the Southeast Alaska commercial pot shrimp season will re-open by emergency order on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the following districts:

District 4: will be open for the remaining GHL of 8,000 pounds.

District 5: will be open for the remaining GHL of 3,000 pounds.

District 15 (west side): will be open for the remaining GHL of 7,500 pounds west of a line from Little Island Light north to the southernmost tip of Seduction Point.

District 15 (east side): Taiya Inlet (sub-district 115-35) will be open for 1,000 pounds of the remaining GHL, north of the latitude of Taiya Point.

Districts 4, 5, and 15 will be closed by emergency order when the guideline harvest level for each district is reached. If the guideline harvest level is not reached, the districts will be closed by emergency order on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. All other districts will remain closed until October 1, 2018.

2018 Fishing Season and Fishing Periods

Commercial pot shrimp catcher-processors are required to fill out logbooks. Logbook information will be included on daily fish tickets. This additional information will include the weight or box count of each size class of whole shrimp that were sorted for sale as well as: date of landing, numbers of days fished, district and statistical area, and the numbers of pot lifts each day. Participants may be required to fill out a logbook registration form that will provide the count of shrimp per box and the size of boxes used. Please contact the ADF&G area office in the area where shrimp fishing is planned for further details.

Operation of shrimp fishing gear may only occur during daily fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. [5 AAC 31.124. (e)(5)]. This means that pots may only be hauled or deployed during this eight-hour period each day.

Individuals planning to fish pots for shrimp beginning May 15, 2018, will need to re-register for the fishery since the 2017/2018 registration year for shrimp ended April 14, 2018. Registration is available at any of the Southeast area offices.

Catcher-processors must call and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to any Fish and Game area office weekly by 12:00 noon each Wednesday every week they conduct fishing operations. The first call in period will be Wednesday, May 23, and will cover the period from 8:00 a.m., May 15 to May 23. Catcher-sellers are also encouraged to contact the department with catch information by 12:00 noon each Wednesday of every week they fish. Fishermen need to notify the department 72 hours prior to setting gear of the fishermen's intent to fish in an area and no more than 72 hours after stopping operations in an open area. Fishermen are advised that it would be most efficient to contact the Ketchikan office for District 4, the Petersburg office for District 5, and the Haines office for District 15. Fishermen are advised that these reporting requirements are in effect until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0918.

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