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SOUTHEAST ALASKA AND YAKUTAT SUBSISTENCE AND PERSONAL USE SHRIMP PERMITS

Douglas... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announced today that Alaska residents fishing for shrimp in Southeast Alaska must have a *Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Subsistence and Personal Use Shrimp Permit* beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018.

The permit is free and available through the department's online store at: <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/</u>. Permit holders must sign their permit in ink to make it valid and have the permit in their possession while taking part in subsistence and personal use shrimp fisheries in Southeast Alaska and Yakutat.

The Subsistence and Personal Use Shrimp Permit is a single, regionwide permit allowing permit holders to harvest shrimp throughout the waters of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat. Information regarding limits and gear requirements are provided on the permit. The new permit will be in the form of a logbook that must be filled out each time shrimp pots or trawls are retrieved whether shrimp are harvested or not. Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online at any time or by turning in the completed permit at the end of the season.

There are no bag and possession limits for Southeast Alaska and Yakutat except that in District 13, Sitka, the bag and possession limit for Spot shrimp is 10 gallons whether whole or deheaded. Currently closed waters include Section 11-A, Juneau. Please contact your local ADF&G office for other local area or season closures.

Proxy fishing: Qualifying permit holders who want another resident to proxy fish for them will require an additional Proxy Fishing Information Form available at department area offices.

Participants in the shrimp sport fishery must have a *Southeast Sport Shrimp Permit* beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018. This permit is also available at: <u>www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/</u>.

If additional information or assistance is needed with the online application process, please come in or call your local Southeast Alaska ADF&G office at the phone numbers listed below.

News releases web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3255