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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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### COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTIONS 10-A/B, DISTRICT 11-SEYMOUR CANAL (11-S), AND DISTRICT 9 CLOSURES

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Sections 10-A/B and District 11-S commercial pot shrimp fisheries will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2018, and the District 9 commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from vessel surveys and fishermen call-ins indicate that the 35,000-pound Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for Sections 10-A/B, 12,000-pound GHL for District 11-S, and 6,500-pound GHL for District 9 will be reached by the time of the respective closures.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of the closures. Pots may be stored in the waters of Sections 10-A/B or District 11-S until 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2018, and in District 9 until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game office within seven days of closure of a district, or portion of a district with a distinct GHL [5 AAC 31.143. (c)(1)]. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an Alaska Department of Fish and Game fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel [5 AAC 31.143. (d)].

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 distinct GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must report, weekly, the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period. For further details refer to the News Release dated August 31, 2018.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C2218.

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