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COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

SECTION 13-A/B CLOSURE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Section 13-A/B commercial pot shrimp fishery will close effective 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from fish tickets and fishermen call-ins indicate that the 15,000-pound Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) for Section 13-A/B will be reached by the time of the closure.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of the closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Section 13-A/B until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 20, 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 1C2518.

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