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COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTIONS 6-B/C/D CLOSURE

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Sections 6-B/C/D commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2018.

Sections 6-B/C/D is being managed under an inseason management approach. The department has analyzed commercial harvest and sampling information from the first 11 days of the fishery. Based on this analysis, the department has determined the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) should be decreased by 20% to 34,300 pounds. Effort levels and catch rates obtained by on-site monitoring, fish tickets, and catcher processor reports indicate the GHL will be reached at the time of the closure.

All pot shrimp 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 Sections 6-B/C/D until 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 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 1C2718.

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