COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
SECTIONS 13-A/B CLOSURE

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the Sections 13-A/B commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Effort levels and catch rates obtained from fish tickets indicate the 15,000-pound guideline harvest level for Sections 13-A/B will be reached at the time of the closure.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of this closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Sections 13-A/B until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20, 2019. 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 the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher/sellers that are intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G 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 GHL.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3019.