COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
DISTRICT 7 CLOSURE

Wrangell. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the District 7 commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019.

District 7 is being managed under an inseason management approach. The department has analyzed the preliminary preseason survey results, commercial harvest, and sampling information from the first 8 days of the fishery. Based on this analysis, the department has determined the GHL should not be adjusted and will remain at 74,300 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 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 District 7 until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 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 1C3119.