SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Petersburg, . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed areas with a distinct GHL. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each area with a distinct GHL two or three days prior to the closure. Harvest estimates are as of October 10, 2019. The next pot shrimp update will occur on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

District 1: Estimated harvest: 40,000 pounds. The GHL is 50,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close Sunday, October 13 or Monday, October 14, 2019.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 34,000 pounds. The GHL is 30,000 pounds. **District 2 will close at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019.**

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 90,000 pounds. The GHL is 114,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close Sunday, October 13 or Monday, October 14, 2019.

Sections 3-B/C: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 30,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between November 1 and November 30, 2019.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2020.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close February 28, 2020.

Sections 6-B/C/D: Harvest is confidential. The preseason GHL is 42,900 pounds. This area is being managed under an inseason management regime. The inseason GHL will be determined by October 14. Accurate closure dates cannot be estimated until an inseason GHL is determined; however, it is expected District 6 will close between October 15 and October 22, 2019.

District 7: Estimated harvest: 65,000 pounds. **The GHL will remain at 74,300 pounds. District 7 will close at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019.**

Sections 8-B/6-A: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 15 and October 22, 2019.
Sections 8-A/10-C: Estimated harvest: 3,000 pounds. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close between October 19 and October 29, 2019.

District 9: Estimated harvest: 7,500 pounds. The GHL is 6,500 pounds. The season will close at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Sections 10-A/B: Estimated harvest: 50,000 pounds. The GHL is 35,000 pounds. Sections 10-A/B closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Estimated harvest: 10,000 pounds. The GHL is 10,000 pounds. The season will close at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

District 12-Tenakee Inlet: Estimated harvest: 11,800 pounds. The GHL is 7,500 pounds. District 12-Tenakee Inlet closed at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

District 12-Remainder: Estimated harvest: 4,300 pounds. The GHL is 7,500 pounds. It is expected the season will close by October 20, 2019.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 12,000 pounds. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. The season will close at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Sections 13-C: Reported harvest: 12,600 pounds. The GHL is 16,000 pounds. The season closed at 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 7, 2019.

District 15: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 11,000 pounds split between the east side and the remainder of the district. It is expected the east side will close in December and the remainder will close February 28, 2020.

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. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report harvest information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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Closed: Sections 10-A/B, 11-S, 12-T, and 13-C.
No reported harvest: Districts 4 and 5.


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