COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 1 AND SECTION 3-A CLOSURE

Ketchikan... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the commercial pot shrimp fishery will be closed in District 1 effective 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 14, 2019, and in Section 3-A effective 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Effort levels and harvest rates obtained from fishermen call-ins and fish tickets indicate that the 50,000-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) in District 1 and the 114,000-pound GHL for Section 3-A 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 District 1 until 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2019 and in the waters of Section 3-A until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 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 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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C3319.