COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
SECTIONS 8-B/6-A CLOSURE

Wrangell... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the commercial pot shrimp fishery in Sections 8-B/6-A will be closed effective 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2019.

Effort levels and harvest rates obtained from fishermen call-ins and fish tickets indicate that the 15,000-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) in Sections 8-B/6-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 this closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Sections 8-B/6-A until 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 25, 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 1C3419.