COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
SECTIONS 6-B/C/D CLOSURE

Petersburg . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the commercial pot shrimp fishery in Sections 6-B/C/D will close at 4:00 p.m., Saturday October 19, 2019.

Sections 6-B/C/D are being managed using an inseason management approach. The department has analyzed commercial harvest and sampling information from the fishery and based on this analysis, the department has determined the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) should be decreased by 30% to 3,000 pounds. Effort levels and catch rates obtained from 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 Sections 6-B/C/D until Saturday, October 26, 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 1C3619.