SOUTHEAST ALASKA SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the traditional portion of District 6 (that portion north of a line from Mitchell Point to Point St. John) commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery will be closed effective 11:59 p.m., Monday, February 3, 2020.

Effort levels and harvest data indicate that the 400,000-pound GHL in the traditional portion of District 6 will be reached at the time of the closure.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher-sellers 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)].

The shrimp beam trawl fishery in the affected area will reopen May 2020 for the 2020/2021 season. Guideline harvest levels will be announced in a preseason news release in April.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0620.