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**SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERY  
CLOSURE**

The commercial shrimp beam trawl fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast Alaska) will close by regulation at **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2021**, consistent with 5 AAC 31.111.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) shrimp fish tickets must be submitted to a department 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 a fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp onboard, by species, before any shrimp are removed from the vessel [5 AAC 31.143 (d)]. The shrimp beam trawl fishery will reopen May 1, 2021, for the 2021/2022 season. Guideline harvest levels will be announced in a pre-season advisory announcement in April.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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