



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

2021/2022 Fishing Season and Fishing Periods

The 2021/2022 shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021, in those shrimp pot fishing areas listed below and will close at 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 28, 2022, unless closed earlier by emergency order [5 AAC 31.110]. Areas will close when guideline harvest levels (GHLs) have been reached or are expected to be reached by the time of the closure. Shrimp pot fishing areas where the GHLs have not been reached by February 28, 2022, may be reopened on May 15, 2022, for a summer season. The summer shrimp pot fishing season will close by regulation on July 31, 2022.

The department will issue weekly fishery updates, usually on Thursday afternoons, to update fishermen on the progress of the fishery. Advisory announcements stating shrimp pot fishing area closures will be issued separately. Shrimp pot fishermen should be aware that fishing time in certain shrimp pot fishing areas may be very limited and may close on short notice, depending on harvest rates and effort levels. Fishermen should also be aware that entire shrimp pot fishing areas or portions of those areas may close if the department has conservation concerns. If harvest rates are low or sharply declining as the season progresses, areas may be closed before the GHL has been reached to prevent excessive harvests.

Closures will be announced through the department's advisory announcement system where permit holders are advised to frequently check for advisory announcements, including the closing of shrimp pot fishing areas. Advisory Announcements can be found online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

There are some areas that will close on short notice and may first be announced by department personnel from the fishing grounds via VHF. In addition, the department may request the USCG and/or NOAA to announce closures over their marine information broadcast. However, this will not be the case for all shrimp fishing areas and the department cannot guarantee that the closure will be announced via the USCG and NOAA marine information broadcasts.

Operation of shrimp fishing gear may only occur during daily fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. [5 AAC 31.124.(e)(5)]. This means that pots may only be hauled or deployed during this eight-hour period each day.

Shrimp Pot Fishing Areas

Shrimp pot fishing areas with distinct GHLs as indicated in 5 AAC 31.115 *Shrimp pot guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A* are comprised of entire districts, sections of a district or multiple districts, or areas within a district. Descriptions of shrimp pot fishing districts and sections can be found in 5 AAC 31.105 *Description of Registration Area A districts and sections*. **Shrimp pot fishing areas that are a portion of a district or section are described in the area specific text below.** General reference maps of commercial shrimp pot fishing areas can be found at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.shellfish#maps>

Waters closed to shrimp pot fishing are included in 5AAC 31.136 *Closed waters in Registration Area A*.

2020/21 season summary and GHGs for the 2021/2022 season in pounds of whole shrimp.

Area	2020/2021 Closure Date	Days Open in 2020/2021	10-year Average Harvest	2020/2021 Harvest	2021/2022 GHG
District 1	Oct 11	11	60,600	54,700	50,000
District 2	Oct 9	9	50,500	53,300	40,000
Section 3-A	Oct 11	11	114,200	132,700	114,000
Sections 3-B/C	Oct 26	26	31,600	27,300	20,000
District 4	July 31	228	17,700	17,300	20,000
District 5	July 31	228	4,700	2,100	12,000
Sections 6-B/C/D	Oct 17	17	34,000	32,600	15,000
District 7	Oct 9	9	78,400	90,400	74,300
Sections 8-B/6-A	Oct 11	11	10,800	15,100	15,000
Sections 8-A/10-C	Oct 13	13	9,300	20,600	12,000
District 9	Oct 7	7	13,500	10,600	6,500
Sections 10-A/B	Oct 6	6	40,200	58,600	35,000
District 11-Seymour	n/a	n/a	14,700	Closed	Closed
District 11-Remainder	n/a	n/a	5,200	Closed	Closed
District 12-Tenakee	Oct 2	2	N/A	11,700	10,000
District 12-Remainder	n/a	n/a	N/A	Closed	7,500
Sections 13-A/B	Oct 7	7	15,700	19,000	15,000
Section 13-C	n/a	n/a	24,000	Closed	Closed
District 14	Oct 15	15	N/A	8,500	Closed
District 15	June 25	195	10,800	12,000	11,000
District 16	n/a	n/a	N/A	Closed	Closed

Notes on Table: Bold type indicates GHG has changed from the previous season.

The department has completed an annual review of available shrimp stock status information for each area with a distinct GHG and will manage the 2021/2022 season for GHGs identified in the table above. The preseason combined regional GHG for the 2021/2022 season is **457,300 pounds** of whole shrimp.

Management Approach, GHGs for 2021/2022 Season

For a detailed description of GHG determinations for each shrimp pot fishing area, management approach for the 2021/22 season, and general overview of the shrimp pot fishery please review the ADF&G management memo found on the ADF&G website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/southeast/2021_shrimp_ghl_memo.pdf

Southeast management practices will be similar to those implemented for the 2020/21 season. Information from preseason surveys will be considered to adjust GHGs and/or fishing areas. If preseason survey information suggests that GHGs should be adjusted, the slow up and fast down approach will be utilized. Increases in GHGs will be a maximum of 45% or up to the upper end of the Guideline Harvest Range (GHR). Decreases in GHG will be a maximum of 45%; if data indicates larger decrements are necessary, the area may be closed for the season. If adjustments are warranted, the adjusted GHG may be announced prior to the start of the season. Inseason adjustments may be made in Districts 1, 2 and 7. **For inseason management to work effectively and to continue to be used or used in more areas, the department needs timely and accurate reporting of harvest on a weekly basis or as otherwise required.** In addition, with annual harvest levels becoming smaller and more difficult to manage within the Juneau Management Area, most areas will be opened on a staggered two to three-year rotational basis to provide harvest opportunity in the area on an annual basis.

District 1: will open with a GHL of 50,000 pounds of spot shrimp. **Inseason management adjustments may be used based on preliminary results of the preseason survey and fishery performance indicators.** Inseason adjustment will not exceed 20% of the base GHL. Additionally, the department may close the fishery before the GHL is reached if it becomes evident that fishery performance is below historical levels for a healthy stock. Inseason adjustments will be based on results of the preseason survey, commercial CPUE, and distribution of effort. The recent 10-year average harvest is 60,600 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 54,700 pounds and the season closed October 11, 2020. **District 1 is expected to close on or before October 20, 2021.**

District 2: will open with a GHL of 40,000 pounds of spot shrimp. During the 2019/2020 season, portions of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm opened with no preset closure date and this management regime will continue for 2021/22. **The waters of Twelve-Mile Arm will remain closed south of the latitude of Outer Point at 55°31.24' N lat.** **Inseason management adjustments may be used based on preliminary results of the preseason survey and fishery performance indicators.** Inseason adjustment will not exceed 20% of the base GHL. Additionally, the department may close the fishery before the GHL is reached if it becomes evident that fishery performance is below historical levels for a healthy stock. Inseason adjustments will be based on results of the preseason survey, commercial CPUE, and distribution of effort. The recent 10-year average harvest is 50,500 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 53,300 pounds and the season closed October 9, 2020. **District 2 is expected to close on or before October 20, 2021.**

Section 3-A: will open with a GHL of 114,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The preseason survey has shown stock health in Hetta Inlet remains low; **Hetta Inlet will continue to be closed north of the latitude of Hetta Point at 55°10.40' N lat.** The recent 10-year average harvest is 114,200 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 132,700 pounds and the season closed October 11, 2019. **Section 3-A is expected to close on or before October 15, 2021.**

Sections 3-B/C: will open with a GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Given the nature of how effort and harvest can spike dramatically in Sections 3-B/C immediately after Section 3-A closes there may be an announced closure shortly after the closure of Section 3-A to not exceed the GHL. The recent 10-year average harvest is 31,600 pounds. The 2020/21 season harvest was 27,300 pounds and the season closed October 26, 2020. **Section 3-B/C is expected to close on or before October 20, 2020.**

District 4: will open with a GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 17,700 pounds. The district closed February 28, 2020 and reopened for the spring/summer season. The 2020/21 season harvest was 17,300 pounds and the season closed July 31, 2021. **District 4 is expected to close on February 28, 2022 and may reopen for the summer season.**

District 5: will open with a GHL of 12,000 pounds of spot shrimp. District 5 closed by regulation on July 31, 2021. The total harvest was 2,200 pounds for the 2020/21 season. **District 5 is expected to close on or before February 28, 2022 and may reopen for the summer season.**

Sections 6-B/C/D: will open with a fixed season length of eight days and will close October 8, 2021. However, if inseason harvest reports indicate that additional fishing time is warranted the season may be extended; notice of a fishery extension may occur as late as 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2021. Fishermen in Sections 6-B/C/D should be aware of new reporting requirements listed below. In the 2020/21 season, the initial GHL was reduced by 30% to 30,000 pounds with a harvest of 32,600 pounds. The season closed October 17, 2020. The recent 10-year average harvest is 34,000 pounds.

District 7: will open with a base GHL of 74,300 pounds of spot shrimp and may be adjusted inseason. Inseason adjustment will not exceed 45% of the base GHL. Additionally, the department may close the fishery before the GHL is reached if it becomes evident that fishery performance is below historical levels for healthy stocks. Inseason adjustments have ranged from no increase to a 30% increase. **Fishermen in District 7 should be aware of new reporting requirements listed below.** The 10-year average harvest is 79,500 pounds. The 2020/21 season harvest was 90,400 pounds and the district closed October 9, 2020. **District 7 is expected to close on or before October 15, 2021.**

Sections 8-A/10-C: will open with a GHL of 12,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Sections 8-A and 10-C were combined into a new management area adopted by the BOF in 2018 with a GHR of 0–20,000 pounds. The recent 10-year average harvest is

9,300 pounds. This area closed October 13, 2020, with a harvest of 20,600 pounds. **Sections 8-A/10-C are expected to close on or before October 21, 2021.**

Sections 8-B/6-A: will open with a GHL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Sections 6-A and 8-B were combined into a new management area adopted by the BOF in 2018 with a GHR of 0–25,000 pounds. The recent 10-year average harvest is 10,800 pounds. In 2020, the area closed October 11 with a harvest of 15,100 pounds. **Sections 8-B/6-A are expected to close on or before October 20, 2021.**

District 9: will open with a GHL of 6,500 pounds. District 9 will close on October 5, 2021. However, if inseason harvest reports indicate that additional fishing time is warranted to harvest the GHL, the season may be extended; notice of a fishery extension may occur as late as 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2021. The recent 10-year average harvest is 13,500 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 10,600 pounds and the season closed October 7.

Sections 10-A/B: will open with a GHL of 35,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Sections 10-A and 10-B were combined into a new management area adopted by the BOF in 2018 with a combined GHR of 0–50,000 pounds. The recent 10-year average harvest is 40,200 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 58,600 pounds and the area closed October 6, 2020. **Fishermen in Sections 10-A/B should be aware of new reporting requirements listed below. Sections 10-A/B are expected to close on or before October 10, 2021.**

District 11-Seymour Canal (11-S): will remain closed. It is anticipated 11-S will reopen in the 2022/23 season with a two or three-year rotational strategy.

District 11-Remainder (11-R): will remain closed. It is anticipated portions of 11-R will reopen in the 2022/23 season with a three-year rotational strategy.

District 12 – Tenakee Inlet (12-T): will open with a GHL of 10,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The Tenakee Inlet Area is that portion of District 12 west of a line from East Point at 57°48.33' N lat, 134°56.92' W long, to South Passage Point at 57°45.85' N lat, 134°56.33' W long, and east of 135°34.50' W long. A conservative management approach will be utilized as the shrimp population rebuilds throughout the inlet. Tenakee Inlet will be open for **two days**. Possible adjustments to season length will depend on the pre-season survey performance and fishery registration information, and any changes will be announced in a standalone advisory announcement. Tenakee Inlet will not be included in the rotational fishery management strategy in the Juneau Area at this time.

District 12 – Remainder (12-R): will open with a GHL of 7,500 pounds. The 12-R fishing area is the waters of District 12 excluding all waters of Tenakee Inlet west of a line from East Point at 57°48.33' N lat, 134°56.92' W long, to South Passage Point at 57°45.85' N lat, 134°56.33' W long. 12-R is anticipated to remain in a two-year rotational harvest strategy.

Sections 13-A/B: will open with a GHL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp. The recent 10-year average harvest is 15,700 pounds. The 2020/21 harvest was 19,000 pounds and the season closed October 7. **Sections 13-A/B are expected to close on or before October 15, 2021.**

Section 13-C: will remain closed. Due to poor stock health metrics from the survey, Section 13-C was closed for the 2020/21 season and will remain closed through the 2021/22 season.

District 14: will be closed. District 14 is anticipated to remain in a two-year rotational harvest strategy and will reopen for the 2022/23 season.

District 15: will open with a GHL of 11,000 pounds of coonstripe shrimp that will be split between the East side and the remainder of District 15. **District 15 East (Taiya Inlet only) will have a GHL of 3,500 pounds and the remainder of the district will have a GHL of 7,500 pounds.** The District 15 East fishing area encompasses Lutak, Chilkoot, and Taiya Inlets. Due to poor stock health concerns, Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets were closed for the 2020/21 season and will remain closed through the 2021/22 season. Taiya Inlet will be open north of the latitude of Taiya Point at 59°17.27' N lat. The 2020/2021 harvest in Taiya Inlet (District 15 East), was 3,800 pounds and the season closed on October 19, 2020. **Taiya Inlet is**

expected to close on or before October 20, 2021. The remainder of District 15 includes Chilkat Inlet and waters south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long and north of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°02.83' W long. District 15 remainder closed by regulation on February 28, 2021, then reopened for the spring/summer season on May 15, 2021. The 2020/2021 harvest in the remainder of District 15 was 8,230 pounds and the season closed June 25, 2021. The remainder of **District 15 is expected to close on or before February 28, 2022 and may reopen for the summer season.**

District 16: will remain closed. District 16 will remain closed until 2022/23 when fisheries will reopen in a three-year rotational harvest strategy.

Vessel Registration, Shrimp Pot Identification Tags, and Catcher–Processor Logbook Program

All vessels shrimp pot fishing must be registered with the department prior to fishing. Permit holders can register at any of the Southeast Alaska area offices Monday through Friday during normal working hours. For this season, permit holders may contact area offices to register or unregister via email. During the 2021/2022 season, pot tags will not be required. **Catcher–processor vessels participating in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery will be required to complete a daily logbook.** Logbooks will be available at Southeast Alaska area offices. Details of the logbook program are described later in this advisory announcement.

Reporting Requirements

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district with a distinct GHL.

All shrimp catcher–processors (including direct-marketers) and shrimp catcher–sellers, but not shrimp fishermen who make deliveries to shorebased or floating processors, are required to report to the department specified information by noon on Wednesday of each week. Fishermen are advised that it would be most efficient to contact the office responsible for each area: Districts 1–4: Ketchikan; Districts 5–8 and 10: Petersburg; Districts 12-T and 12-R: Juneau; Districts 9 and 13: Sitka; and District 15: Haines.

The department relies on detailed information provided by fish tickets and fisherman contacts to effectively track effort and harvest in the fishery. The department requires this information to make timely management decisions each week regarding the status of the fishery. **Catcher–sellers will be required to report catches weekly in District 1, District 2, Section 3-A, Sections 3-B/C, District 4, Sections 6-B/C/D, District 7, District 9, Sections 10-A/B, Sections 12-R, 13-A/B, and District 15.** The department is not requiring weekly reporting from **catcher–sellers** fishing in Districts 5, Sections 8-B/6-A, and 8-A/10-C, and District 12-T. Catcher–sellers are excluded from this requirement in these areas due to the expected short duration of the season, on-the-grounds management, or there is sufficient time to accurately manage for GHLs with the normal time it takes to receive fish tickets from catcher-sellers.

Weekly reporting requirements for all catcher–processors and for catcher–sellers in those areas listed above will begin 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 4, 2021. To facilitate reporting requirements, the department will provide reporting forms at ADF&G area offices. **Catcher–processors and catcher–sellers fishing in Sections 6-B/C/D, District 7, and Sections 10-A/B, will be required to report catch information to the department at the end of even numbered days beginning Monday, October 4, 2021 (October 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, etc., until the particular fishery closes). Reports can be made by calling 907-772-5239 or emailing or satellite messaging paul.salomone@alaska.gov.**

Reporting daily logbook information will not be required during weekly call-in periods except in District 7 and Sections 6-B/C/D. In these areas, catcher–processors will be required to report their daily harvest in pounds of XL (or equivalent) and greater spot shrimp.

General Fish Ticket Reporting Requirements

Fishermen, catcher–processors, and catcher–sellers selling to a processor must furnish factual information for the completion of fish tickets at the time of landing. It is important to include the statistical subdistrict information (example:

107-10, lower Ernest Sound) to identify where the harvest occurred. Multiple statistical areas can be entered on a single fish ticket and fishermen should account for the harvest from each statistical area. A separate fish ticket is required for each district or fishing area that has a GHL [5 AAC 31.143 (c)].

The shrimp fish ticket has a box in the heading to record the number of pot lifts specific to that ticket. In order to obtain accurate CPUE information, the department is requiring that information concerning the number of pot lifts is recorded on each fish ticket. The daily number of pots lifted should be written on the top of the fish ticket in the effort box. The effort column in the body of the ticket should be left blank. For example, if 100 pots are fished twice a day, the number of pot lifts should read 200 for that day. All fish tickets must be imprinted with a valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) card and completed at the time of delivery. The department also requests that fishermen fill in the number of days actually fished (days gear was in the water) each time they pick their gear.

All shrimp catcher-processors are required to complete a **separate fish ticket for each day fished for each district or portion of a district with a distinct GHL**. Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within 7 days of the closure of a district or portion of a district with a distinct GHL. Shrimp catcher-processors must contact the department before fishing in a new district/area with a distinct GHL.

All catcher-sellers shall complete a fish ticket or tickets before any shrimp are removed from the vessel indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species.

Catcher-Processor Logbook Program

Regulations (5 AAC 31.141 and 5 AAC 31.143(b)(1)(E)) adopted at the 2015 BOF meeting, require all vessels participating in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery to complete a daily logbook if they process their catch onboard the vessel (catcher-processor vessels). All catcher-processor vessels will be required to keep logbooks regardless of the product type (whole or tails) they process. Logbooks and instructions will be available at all area offices. Catcher-processors will be required to complete a logbook registration form when registering for the fishery which will include gear information and the size category breakdown used onboard. Daily logbooks will include pounds caught by size category, species, product type, location, date, and corresponding ticket number. Logbooks will be required to be turned in with the corresponding fish tickets when switching between districts or portions of a district with a distinct GHL, no later than seven days after a closure.

Octopus Bycatch

A management plan has been adopted [5 AAC 38.150] and **a commissioner's permit is not required to retain and sell octopus bycatch**. The regulation allows for retention of octopus up to 35% of the whole weight of spot shrimp harvested and provides for a maximum harvest level of 35,000 pounds of octopus for Area A. The department will close the fishery to further retention of octopus by emergency order if the maximum level is reached. **All octopus sold or retained for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.**

Shrimp Pot Fishing Offshore

Offshore waters are included in Districts 4, 13, and 16; the boundary lines of which are described in 5 AAC 31.105 (d), (m), and (p). The offshore area includes the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States. The EEZ extends 200 nautical miles offshore from the defined fish districts (Presidential Proclamation 5030). Fishermen who wish to fish in offshore waters may do so only if those districts are open. Shrimp harvested in these areas will be part of existing GHLs for those districts. Fishermen who wish to fish in these areas must have a Southeast Alaska commercial shrimp pot fishery CFEC permit card.

General Information

The information contained in this advisory announcement is intended as a summary of important regulations. Participants in the Southeast Alaska shrimp pot fishery are reminded to obtain and review a copy of the 2020-2021 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet to make sure that they are familiar with and understand all pertinent regulations.

Fishery Management Contacts

For information on the commercial shrimp pot fishery, contact the Area Management Biologists:

Ketchikan

Fishing Areas: Districts 1, 2, and 4; Section 3-A and Sections 3-B/C

Phone: 225-5195

Contacts: Bo Meredith, Justin Breese, or Whitney Crittenden

Petersburg

Fishing Areas: Districts 5 and 7; Sections 6-B/C/D, Sections 8-B/6-A, Sections 8-B/10-C, and Sections 10-A/B

Phone: 772-3801

Contacts: Paul Salomone, Katie Taylor, or Tom Kowalske

Sitka

Fishing Areas: District 9; Sections 13-A/B and 13-C

Phone: 747-6688

Contacts: Aaron Dupuis or Jason Jones

Juneau

Fishing Areas: Districts 12-T and 12-R

Phone: 465-4250

Contacts: Dave Harris or Scott Forbes

Haines

Fishing Area: District 15

Phone: 766-2830

Contacts: Nicole Zeiser or Shelby Flemming

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<i>AWT</i>	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220