



## Advisory Announcement

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# COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 12 - TENAKEE INLET CLOSURE

District 12 - Tenakee Inlet **will be closed**. All waters 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 will be closed to commercial shrimp pot fishing for the 2021/2022 season.

The results of the recently completed annual preseason survey of spot shrimp abundance indicates a substantial decrease in spot shrimp biomass in western Tenakee Inlet. The survey CPUE (catch per unit effort measured in pounds of whole shrimp per pot lift) declined sharply for the second year in a row with CPUE of large class shrimp at baseline levels, and CPUE of small class shrimp well below baseline. Preliminary analysis of carapace length frequency in the survey catch indicates a severe decline and near lack of prerecruit shrimp that may indicate recruitment failure.

The department will continue annual preseason shrimp surveys of the Tenakee Inlet spot shrimp resource. Commercial shrimp pot fishing opportunity for the 2022/2023 season in Tenakee Inlet will largely be determined by results of the 2022 preseason survey.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C2221.

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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