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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRICT 15-REMAINDER CLOSURE

The District 15-Remainder shrimp pot fishery will close at 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 27, 2022. Effort level and harvest rates indicate the 7,500-pound guideline harvest level (GHL) for District 15-Remainder will be reached by 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 the closure area until 4:00 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022. 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 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)].

<u>All commercial shrimp fishermen</u> 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.

Catcher–processor vessels fishing in these areas are required to contact ADF&G and report within 72 hours of the closure. Catcher–processor vessels must report the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1822.

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