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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Prince William Sound Area**  
**Shrimp Pot Fishery**  
**Second Fishing Period**  
**Emergency Order 2-SF-E-06-23**

The first period of the Prince William Sound (PWS) commercial shrimp pot season opened at 8:00 am April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 63,100 lb and closed at 8:00 p.m. April 24. The preliminary estimated harvest from call-in is approximately 26,500 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 65 vessels. Estimated effort was 17,700 pot lifts with an average catch per unit effort (CPUE) of 1.5 lb of whole shrimp per pot.

The second period of the PWS commercial shrimp pot season **will open 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 1 and close 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.** ADF&G staff will closely monitor the harvest through call-in reports and fish tickets. Gear limits remain at a maximum of 25 shrimp pots per vessel and hours of gear operation will remain 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The area open to commercial fishing is Area 2 (Figure 1). Participants are reminded that only 50% of the GHL may be harvested in any one statistical area (5 AAC 31.214) and to monitor advisory announcements and the call-in reporting line for potential statistical area closures or period extensions.

Reminders to participants:

- 1) Check in **each time** you depart for fishing by calling reporting line. That means if you make a landing and are going back out, please CHECK-IN. Checking in at the beginning of the period is NOT SUFFICIENT.
- 2) Fish tickets and call-in reporting information must have effort and harvest separated by **Statistical Area**.
- 3) Pots may only be pulled by the ADF&G registered vessel associated with the gear;
- 4) Shrimp harvested by a vessel **CANNOT** be transported by another vessel participating in the fishery (except for a registered tender);
- 5) Logbook pages **MUST** be filled out completely and accurately each day and submitted with corresponding fish ticket(s).

Participating fishers must call the reporting line with pre-trip and landing reports at (907) 226-3474 in order for ADF&G to monitor harvest; information to be reported is detailed in the registration packet that all registrants received. Reporting requirements must be followed exactly, and enforcement action will result for non-compliance. Contact ADF&G at (907) 235-8191 for further information.

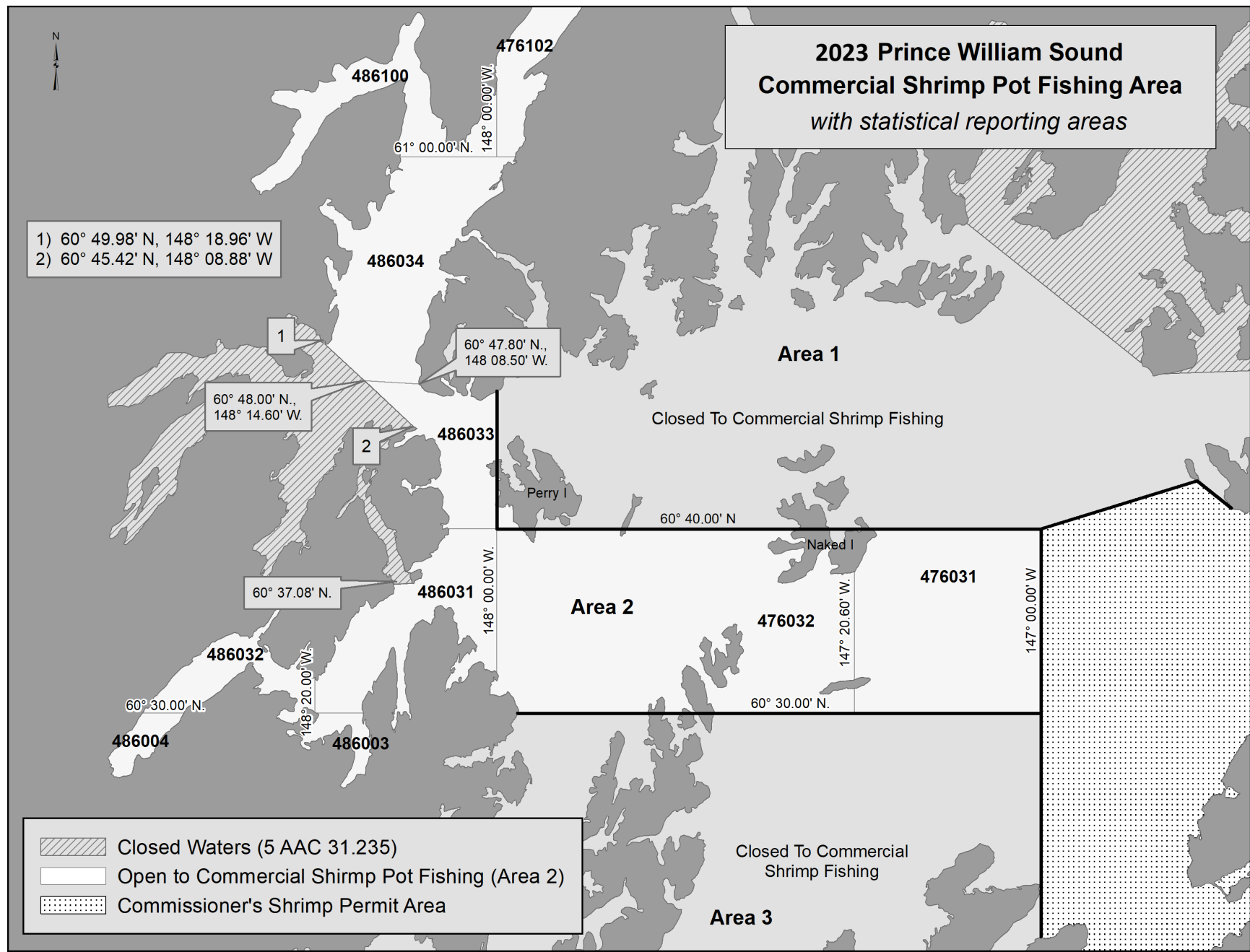


Figure 1.—The 2023 Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery in Area 2.