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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 Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, consistent with 5 AAC 31.111.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) shrimp beam trawl fish tickets must be submitted to a department office within seven days of the closure. 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, 2024, for the 2024/2025 season. Guideline harvest levels will be announced in a preseason advisory announcement in April.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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Southeast Shrimp Beam Trawl