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## Advisory Announcement

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### SECTION 13-C HOONAH SOUND SUBSISTENCE SHRIMP FISHERY OPENING

The subsistence shrimp fishery in the Hoonah Sound portion of Section 13-C **will open at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2025**, north and west of a line from 57°35.07' N lat, 135°33.57' W long to 57°37.89' N lat, 135°28.65' W long (Figure 1). A 2025 Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Personal Use Fishing permit will be needed to participate in this fishery. **Gear will be limited to one pot per Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Personal Use/Subsistence Shrimp Fishing Permit with no more than two pots per vessel if more than one permit is fishing from the same vessel. Pots may not be longlined (i.e. one pot per buoy).** All other permit conditions will remain in effect.

The Section 13-C spot shrimp survey has been conducted annually by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game from 1999 through 2014 and from 2017 through 2024. From 1999 to 2014, the spot shrimp population in Hoonah Sound was considered healthy and relatively stable based on survey data and commercial fishing harvests. Beginning in 2015, commercial spot shrimp harvest data indicated declining stock health. Spot shrimp surveys conducted in Hoonah Sound from 2017 to 2022 showed a decline in catch rates (lb/pot) of younger, small spot shrimp. Surveys conducted in 2023 and 2024 indicate a small increase in catch rates of small spot shrimp, while the catch rates of large spot shrimp have remained consistently high over the past five years. Analysis of size distribution data since 2022 reveals a more balanced composition of shrimp class sizes suggesting continued recovery of the Hoonah Sound spot shrimp stock. Survey results through 2024 suggest an improved stock status for Hoonah Sound spot shrimp which allows for this limited subsistence fishing opportunity.

The subsistence and sport shrimp fisheries have been closed in Hoonah Sound since March of 2020. While recent surveys indicate the potential for limited subsistence opportunity, reopening the commercial fishery in Section 13-C for the 2025/26 season is not warranted; additionally, a reopening of the sport shrimp pot fishery in the area listed above for the remainder of 2025 is not warranted at this time.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this Advisory Announcement is 1C1325.

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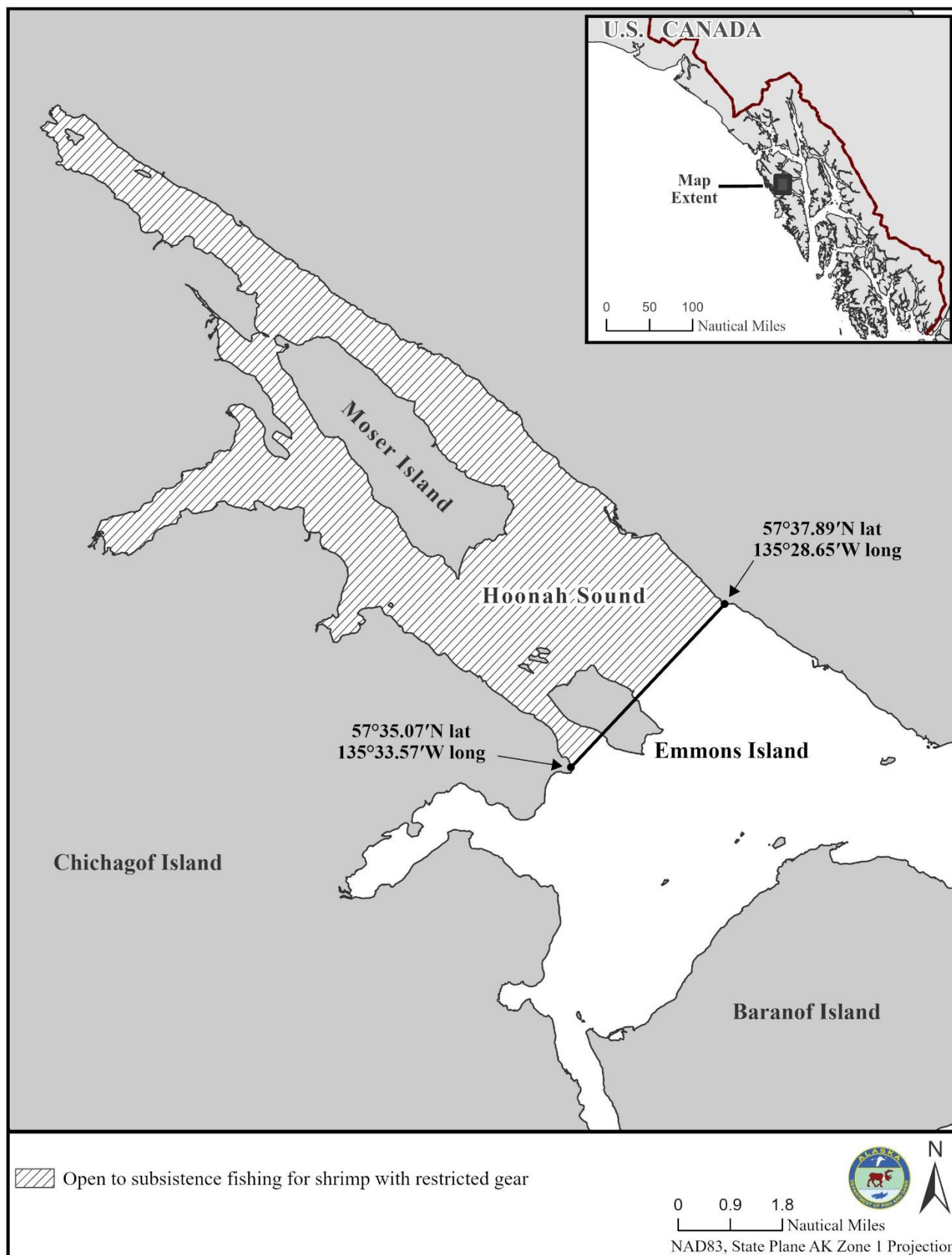


Figure 1.—Hoonah Sound subsistence shrimp fishery opening area.