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2025 Prince William Sound Area Shrimp Pot Fishery Emergency Order # 2-SF-E-03-25

Registration for the Prince William Sound Area (PWSA) commercial shrimp pot fishery closed April 15 with 79 vessels registered. The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2025 fishery in Area 1 (Figure 1) is 32,258 pounds.

The first PWS commercial shrimp pot fishing period will open at 8:00 a.m. May 1 and close at 8:00 p.m. May 7, unless closed earlier by emergency order (EO). Gear limits are set at a maximum of 25 pots per vessel. Fishing hours are extended by EO from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Daily call-ins will be required for the 2025 fishery. Harvest and effort must be reported each day, no later than 11:59 p.m. the day of harvest, via phone call, text, or electronic reporting.

Reporting Requirements

Daily harvest reporting will be required for the 2025 fishery in addition to pre-trip check ins.

Call: 907-226-3474

Text: 501-288-9818

Electronic reporting: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/MDIpPOGc> or scan QR code below.



Pre-trip check-ins are required no earlier than 24 hours prior to fishing for each trip. You must report:

- CFEC permit holder name;
- Vessel name and ADF&G number;
- Number of pots intended to be fished;
- Statistical area intended to be fished;
- Intended length of trip.

Harvest and effort must be reported each day, no later than 11:59 p.m., the day of harvest. All participants must report:

- CFEC permit holder name;
- Vessel name and ADF&G number;
- Statistical areas fished and for each statistical area fished:
 - Number of pots pulled;
 - Harvest in pounds of spot, coonstripe, and other shrimp;
 - Specify tail or head weight for each;
 - Date of landing;
 - Fish ticket number (last day of trip).

Other Requirements

Pots may not be stored in the water or deployed prior to the opening of the season. A vessel operator may not have more than the legal limit of pot gear in aggregate, on board the vessel or in the water at any time. Shrimp pots deployed on a longline, consisting of more than five pots, must have a buoy attached to each end of the longline and marked as required in 5 AAC 31.051.

Shrimp pots may not be left in saltwater unattended for more than 14 days unless all bait containers have been removed and all doors secured fully open. All shrimp pots must have a biodegradable escape mechanism as described in 5 AAC 39.145.

A person or vessel that has registered for the commercial shrimp pot fishery may not participate in sport, personal use, or subsistence fishing for shrimp unless the person ceases commercial fishing and the commercial registration for the vessel is canceled by the department.

Please contact ADF&G staff in Homer with any questions at 907-235-8191.

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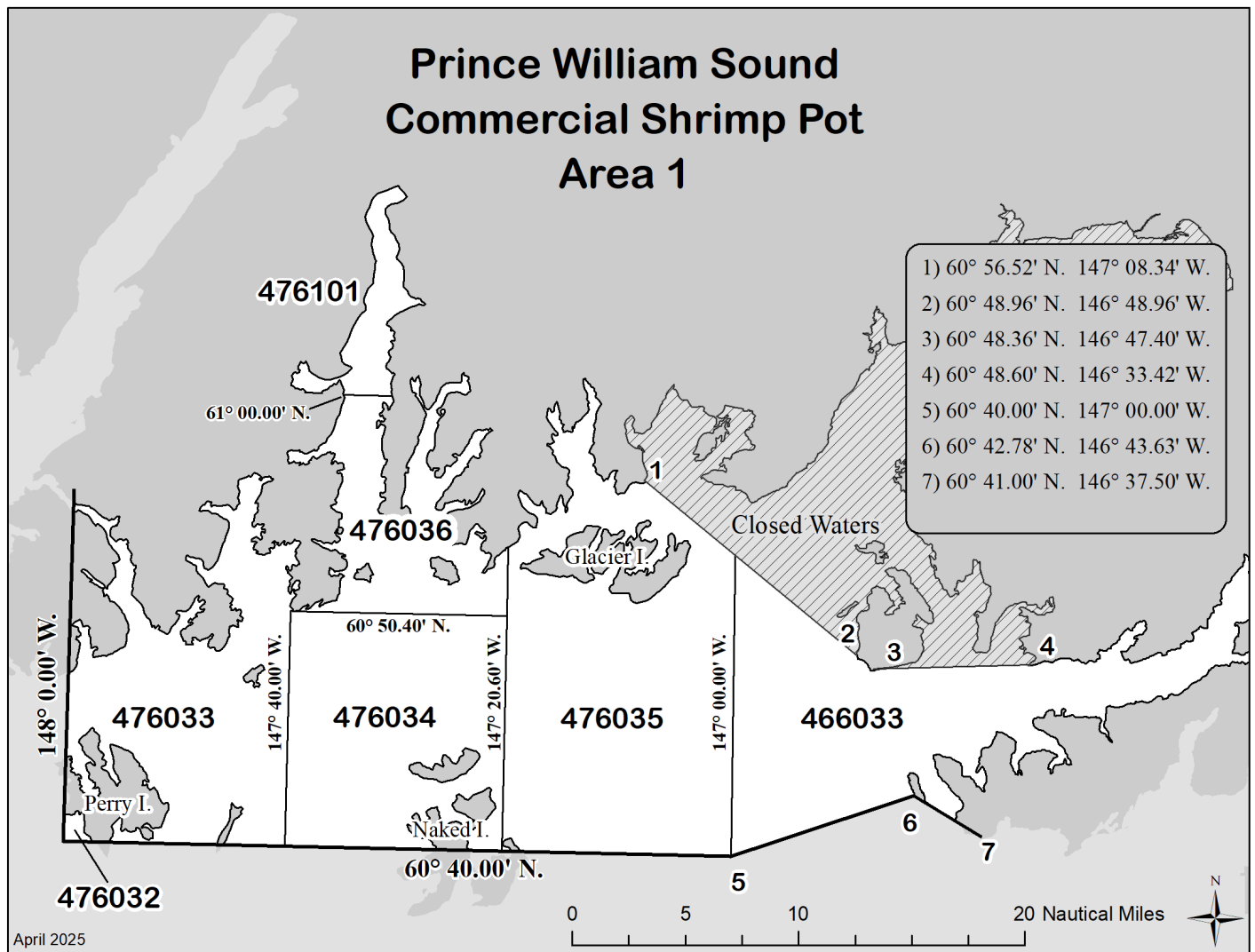


Figure 1.- Statistical areas for the Area 1 shrimp pot fishery and closed waters.