



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, January 1, 2026**, 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 2026 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 and permit holders are reminded that subsistence fishing for shrimp **will be closed by regulation from March 1 – April 30, 2026**, to protect maturing and egg bearing shrimp.

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 2025. 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 showed a small increase in catch rates of small spot shrimp; however, results of the 2025 survey showed a decrease in catch rates of both small and large spot shrimp. While the most recent survey shows a decline in the catch rates of both small and large class shrimp it does not, currently, necessitate a closure of the subsistence fishery. The use of restricted gear when the fishery is open combined with the department's ability to collect catch and effort information from the subsistence fishery warrants the continuation of this limited subsistence opportunity.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this Advisory Announcement is 1C0126.

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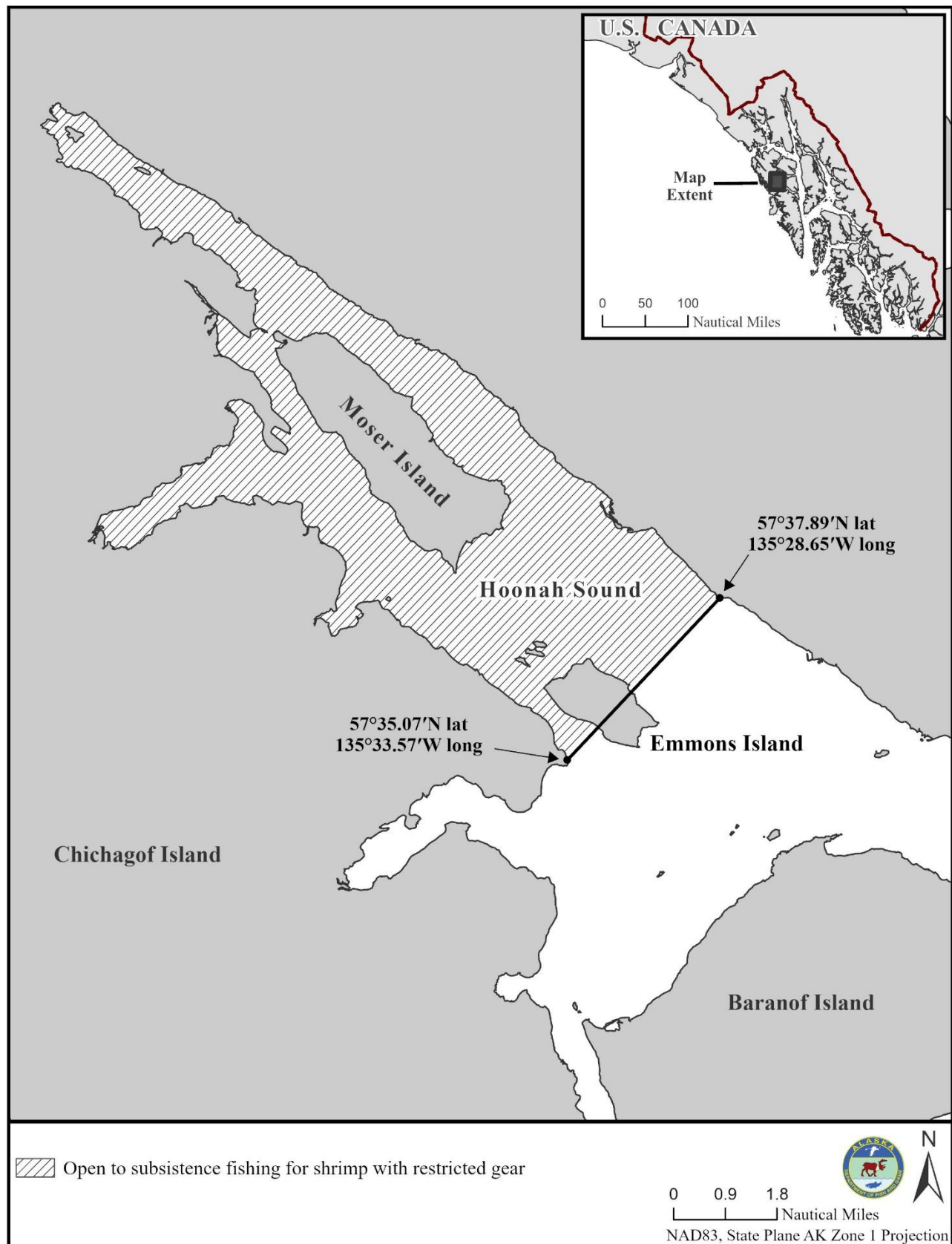


Figure 1.—Hoonah Sound subsistence shrimp fishery opening area.