



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY CLOSURE

The following areas will close by regulation at 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026:

Sections 3-B/C: Reported harvest is 6,100 pounds. The guideline harvest level (GHL) is 10,000 pounds. Sections 3-B/C will not open by emergency order for a fall/winter fishery due to poor fishery performance.

District 4: Reported harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. District 4 may reopen by emergency order on October 1, 2026.

District 5: Reported harvest is 2,300 pounds. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. District 5 may reopen by emergency order on October 1, 2026.

Sections 8-A/10-C: Estimated harvest through July 31, 2026, is 8,500 pounds. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. Sections 8-A/10-C may reopen by emergency order on October 1, 2026.

District 14: Reported harvest is 900 pounds. The GHL is 7,500 pounds. District 14 will not open by emergency order for a fall/winter fishery due to poor fishery performance.

District 15-East: Reported harvest is confidential. The GHL is 3,500 pounds. District 15-East will not open for a fall/winter fishery due to low remaining GHL.

District 15-Remainder: Reported harvest is confidential. The GHL is 8,500 pounds. District 15-Remainder may reopen by emergency order on October 1, 2026.

District 16: Reported harvest is confidential. The GHL is 12,000 pounds. District 16 may reopen by emergency order on October 1, 2026.

All shrimp pot gear must be removed from the water or placed in storage by the time of the closure. Pots may be stored in the waters of Districts 4, 5, 14, 15-East, 15-Remainder, and 16, and Sections 3-B/C and 8-A/10-C until 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2026. Stored pots must have all doors secured fully open and all bait and bait containers removed.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to an ADF&G office within seven days of the closure. Fishermen are reminded that catcher–sellers intending to sell shrimp to persons unlicensed to process shrimp (i.e. dock sales) must fill out an ADF&G fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board, by species, before any shrimp are removed from the vessel (5 AAC 31.143.[d]).

Catcher–processor vessels fishing in these areas are required to contact ADF&G and report within 72 hours of the closure. Catcher–processor vessels must report the pounds in whole weight by species of shrimp on board the vessel taken during the open shrimp-fishing period.

The department will announce areas open for the fall/winter fishery no later than September 15, 2026. By September 15, the department will have had time to analyze all available harvest and biological data for areas with remaining

GHL. Areas that are determined to have less than desirable stock health or areas that have low remaining quota will not reopen for the fall/winter fishery.

2026/27 Southeast Alaska Shrimp Pot Fishery

Areas	2026/2027 GHL*	Pounds Harvested*	Boats	Closure Date
District 1	40,000	44,900	16	May 26, 2026
District 2	20,000	21,000	11	May 31, 2026
Section 3-A	97,000	86,800	20	June 1, 2026
Sections 3-B/C	10,000	6,100	3	July 31, 2026
District 4	20,000	*	*	July 31, 2026
District 5	12,000	2,300	3	July 31, 2026
Sections 6-B/C/D/E	15,000	*	*	May 30, 2026
District 7	56,000	50,900	14	May 30, 2026
Sections 8-A/10-C	12,000	8,500	7	July 31, 2026
Sections 8-B/6-A	15,000	17,200	8	May 22, 2026
District 9	6,500	6,900	5	May 22, 2026
Sections 10-A/B	35,000	37,800	9	May 25, 2026
District 11-Seymour	Closed	—	—	No Fishery
Sections 11-A/B/C	Closed	—	—	No Fishery
District 12-Tenakee	Closed	—	—	No Fishery
District 12-Remainder	Closed	—	—	No Fishery
Sections 13-A/B	12,600	12,600	6	May 29, 2026
Section 13-C	Closed	—	—	No Fishery
District 14	7,500	900	4	July 31, 2026
District 15 (East Side)	3,500	*	*	July 31, 2026
District 15 (Remainder)	8,500	*	*	July 31, 2026
District 16	12,000	*	*	July 31, 2026
Total Harvest	386,600	325,300	90	

*GHL and harvest are pounds of whole shrimp. All GHLs and harvest are spot shrimp only except for District 16 which is spot and coonstripe shrimp, and District 15 which is coonstripe shrimp only.

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