



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA 2024/25 COMMERCIAL BEAM TRAWL SHRIMP FISHERY SEASON

The Southeast Alaska commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery opens **May 1, 2024**, and vessel registration is required to participate in the fishery.

Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) for the 2024/25 Season

Participation in the Southeast beam trawl shrimp fishery has increased since the 2015/16 season. The department implemented precautionary GHLs in Districts 6 & 8 beginning in the 2016/17 season to prevent overharvest of stocks with minimal stock status information, while allowing for fishery development and expansion of trawl shrimp markets. These GHLs for traditional and nontraditional areas will remain unchanged for the 2024/25 season (Tables 1 & 2).

To maximize fleet opportunity in Districts 6 & 8, any unharvested GHL remaining after a period closes will be added to the next harvest period (up to the maximum guideline harvest range (GHR) for that period); any GHL remaining for the next period will be rolled into the following period. This harvest strategy will allow the fleet to target shrimp during different seasons as market conditions dictate. Advisory announcements will be issued two weeks after the start of a fishing period to announce any GHL rollover from the previous period.

Table 1. Guideline harvest levels (GHLs) in pounds by fishing period, and spot and coonstripe shrimp bycatch limits in pounds by fishing area for the 2024/25 beam trawl shrimp fishery in traditional areas of Southeast Alaska.

GHL by fishing period	<i>Traditional areas¹</i>			
	<i>District 6¹</i>	<i>District 7¹</i>	<i>District 8</i>	<i>District 10¹</i>
May 1–June 30	300,000	50,000	250,000	75,000
July 1–August 31	290,000	50,000	175,000	75,000
September 1–October 31			180,000	
September 1–February 28	160,000	50,000		75,000
November 1–February 28			65,000	
Spot shrimp season bycatch limit	1,000	1,000	6,000	1,000
Coonstripe shrimp season bycatch limit	9,000	1,000	10,000	3,000

1. See 5 AAC 31.111(a)(2) in the 2023–2024 Statewide Commercial Fishing Regulations Shrimp, Dungeness Crab and Miscellaneous Shellfish booklet (available in area offices or online) for specific descriptions of traditional beam trawl areas in Districts 6, 7, and 10.

Table 2. Guideline harvest levels (GHLs) in pounds and spot and coonstripe shrimp bycatch limits in pounds by fishing area for the 2024/25 beam trawl shrimp fishery in nontraditional areas of Southeast Alaska.

GHL for season	Nontraditional areas ¹							
	District							
	3	5	6 ¹	7 ¹	9	10 ¹	11-A,B,C	11-D
May 1–February 28	----- 100,000 in each District -----						75,000 ²	150,000
Spot shrimp season bycatch limit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,000 ³	1,000 ⁴
Coonstripe shrimp season bycatch limit	3,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	7,000	4,000 ³	1,000 ⁴

1. See 5 AAC 31.111(a)(3) in the 2023–2024 Statewide Commercial Fishing Regulations Shrimp, Dungeness Crab and Miscellaneous Shellfish booklet for specific descriptions of non-traditional beam trawl areas in Districts 6, 7, and 10.
2. GHLs per section.
3. Allowable bycatch for Sections 11-A and 11-B combined as stated in 5 AAC 31.116(b)(9)(A).
4. Allowable bycatch for Sections 11-C and 11-D combined as stated in 5 AAC 31.116(b)(9)(B).

Spot and Coonstripe shrimp bycatch

Trip and seasonal beam trawl bycatch limits for spot and coonstripe shrimp (less than 60 count per pound) are in effect, except in District 11, where the combined spot and coonstripe trip bycatch limit is 10 percent of the whole weight of all pink and sidestripe shrimp on board the vessel. Seasonal bycatch limits along with shrimp GHRs, and fishing periods for traditional and nontraditional fishing areas are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 [5 AAC 31.116].

Fish ticket and logbook completion

Logbooks are required for all fishing areas; they are used to assess fishery performance and set GHLs the following season. Logbooks printed in duplicate are available at the Petersburg area office or by mail; they must be completed and attached to the corresponding fish tickets upon landing. Fishermen are also reminded that they are required by regulation to report on fish tickets at the time of landing any shrimp harvested which are not purchased by the processor or buyer, or which have been discarded at sea [5 AAC 31.075 (a)]. Each buyer shall indicate on the fish ticket the gross weight of shrimp not purchased from a load [5 AAC 31.075 (b)]. In order to more easily track spot and coonstripe bycatch trip limits, fishermen are also asked to submit a copy of their fish ticket or dock slip from their pink and sidestripe landing when selling spot and coonstripe bycatch to a separate buyer. The spot and coonstripe bycatch buyer shall then attach the copy of the fish ticket from the pink and sidestripe landing to the ADF&G copy of the ticket they complete. All fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G within seven days of delivery [5 AAC 39.130 (c)].

Catcher–processor reporting requirements

A catcher–processor is a commercial fisherman who catches and processes their own product on board [5 AAC 31.143(e)(2)]. A catcher–processor cannot buy or process shrimp from another fishing vessel or tender. Each week, an owner or operator of a shrimp beam trawl catcher–processor vessel operating in the waters of Registration Area A shall contact, by telephone, the ADF&G area office in Petersburg (907-772-5238) before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, during normal business hours of 8:00 am through 5:00 pm; the following information must be provided at the time of contact:

- 1) permit holder’s name;
- 2) vessel name and ADF&G number;
- 3) the following information regarding ADF&G fish tickets;
 - a) ADF&G fish ticket number of each fish ticket used since last contact;
 - b) date of landing on each fish ticket;
 - c) district and statistical area on each fish ticket;
 - d) total trawling bottom time, for each district and subdistrict for the preceding week;
 - e) total pounds of whole shrimp taken by species;
- 4) date of last delivery.

Pounds of whole shrimp by species since the last call-in and cumulative pounds of whole shrimp on board since the last delivery should match what is reported on daily fish tickets and entered in required logbooks. Fish tickets must be submitted to ADF&G within seven days of the closure of a district or portion of a district for which a distinct guideline harvest level exists. A shrimp beam trawl catcher–processor vessel that has stopped fishing in a district or portion of a district for which a distinct guideline harvest level exists shall contact the Petersburg ADF&G area office and report the information specified in this paragraph before fishing in a new district or portion of a district with an established GHL [5 AAC 31.143(c)(2)].

Catcher–seller reporting requirements

A catcher–seller is a commercial fisherman who catches and either sells or attempts to sell unprocessed shrimp to a person not licensed to process shrimp [5 AAC 31.143(e)(3)]. The owner or operator of a catcher–seller vessel must complete a fish ticket indicating the weight of the shrimp on board by species before any shrimp are removed from the vessel.

Rockfish possession and landing requirements for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska area

All fishermen participating in the beam trawl fishery for shrimp in Southeast Alaska must retain, weigh, and report all demersal shelf rockfish by species on the fish ticket [5 AAC 28.171 (b)]. Beam trawl permit holders are allowed a combined demersal shelf rockfish bycatch of 1% of the directed shrimp catch. Demersal shelf rockfish species include canary, China, copper, quillback, rosethorn, tiger, and yelloweye rockfish. The bycatch percentage is calculated based on the round weight of rockfish divided by the whole weight of shrimp. Bycatch of rockfish can be sold, used for personal use, or donated, but must be weighed and reported on the shrimp fish ticket. Bycatch in excess of allowable limits shall be reported by species as an overage on ADF&G fish tickets. Proceeds from the sale of excess rockfish bycatch shall be surrendered to the state.

Dual fishery registration prohibitions

A vessel may not be registered for the commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery and the commercial Dungeness crab fishery at the same time [5 AAC 31.128(d)]. **Also, a vessel may not be registered for the commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery and the commercial pot shrimp fishery at the same time [5 AAC 31.128 (c)].** However, a vessel owner, or the owner’s agent, may cancel a vessel’s registration for the commercial beam trawl shrimp fishery and register a vessel for the commercial Dungeness crab fishery or pot shrimp fishery, **provided all regulatory requirements are met**, by contacting a local ADF&G representative, in person, and providing all requested information.

Other information

Fishermen are also reminded to review pertinent regulations in the 2023–2024 Statewide Commercial Fishing Regulations Shrimp, Dungeness Crab and Miscellaneous Shellfish booklet available in area offices, or online at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022_2023_cf_shrimp_dungeness_misc_s_hellfish_regs.pdf

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

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