# Advisory Announcement

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## 2025 Prince William Sound Area Shrimp Pot Fishery
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The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) commercial shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2025, with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 32,258 pounds. The fishery will open only in waters designated as Area 1, as shown on the map in Figure 1.

To register, participants must first obtain a 2025 P09E or P91E permit, which are available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Paper forms are available at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, and Soldotna. Participants must also complete a vessel registration for the fishery via phone, email/fax, or in person at the Homer, Cordova, Anchorage, or Soldotna ADF&G office.

The registration deadline for the PWS shrimp pot fishery is 5:00 p.m. April 15. You must register prior to this deadline to participate in the fishery. The number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel registered for the fishery will be announced after the registration deadline.

At the most recent Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting the board adopted a biological threshold to open a commercial fishery. The threshold is set at 40% of the carrying capacity of the shrimp stock, which equates to approximately 60,000 pounds in 2025. The TAH for 2025 was estimated at 80,646 pounds and the commercial fishery allocation of 40% is 32,258 pounds.

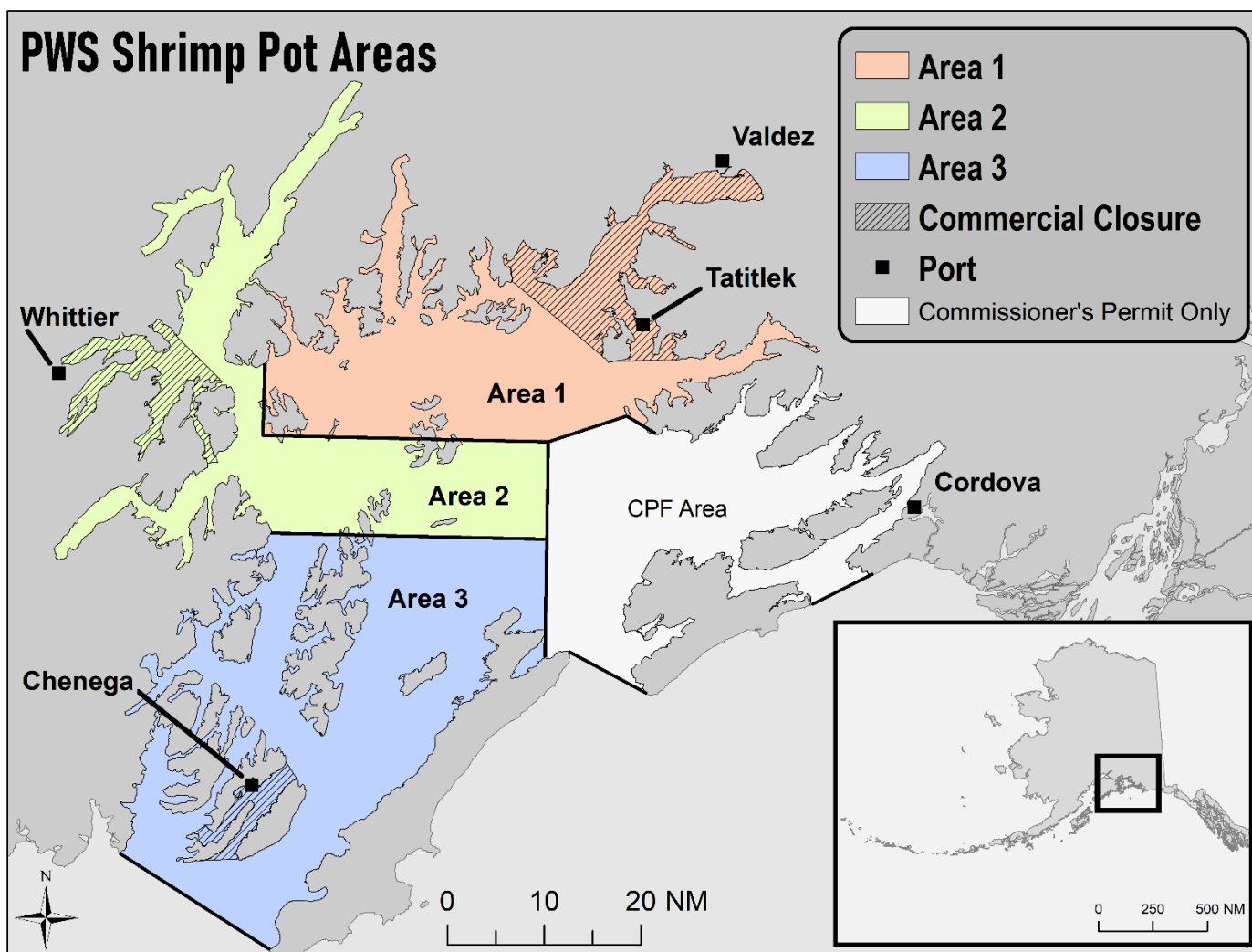Please contact ADF&G staff in Homer with any questions at 907-235-8191.

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Figure 1.-Shrimp pot management areas in Prince William Sound. Area 1 will be open in 2025.