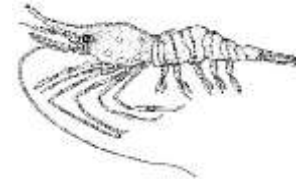


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**FISHERY UPDATE  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E  
COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY  
GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL,  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE, AND SEASON OPENING DATE**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) commercial shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m. April 15, 2016 with an allocation of 47,061 pounds. Area 1 is open to harvest and includes only those waters indicated on the attached map (Figure 1).

All participants must possess a 2016 P09E or P91E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) at ([http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial\\_Fishing\\_Permit\\_Application.pdf](http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf) or ph: 789-6150) and a PWS area vessel registration. Registrations and required logbook pages are available at Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) offices in Anchorage, Cordova, Soldotna and Homer, and by appointment with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Seward and Valdez. Contact the ADF&G office in Cordova to register by fax. **The registration deadline for the PWS shrimp pot fishery is 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2016.** The number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel registered for the fishery will be announced in early April.

Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2015-2018 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book, available at ADF&G offices or online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>.

Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery and contact the department if they have questions.

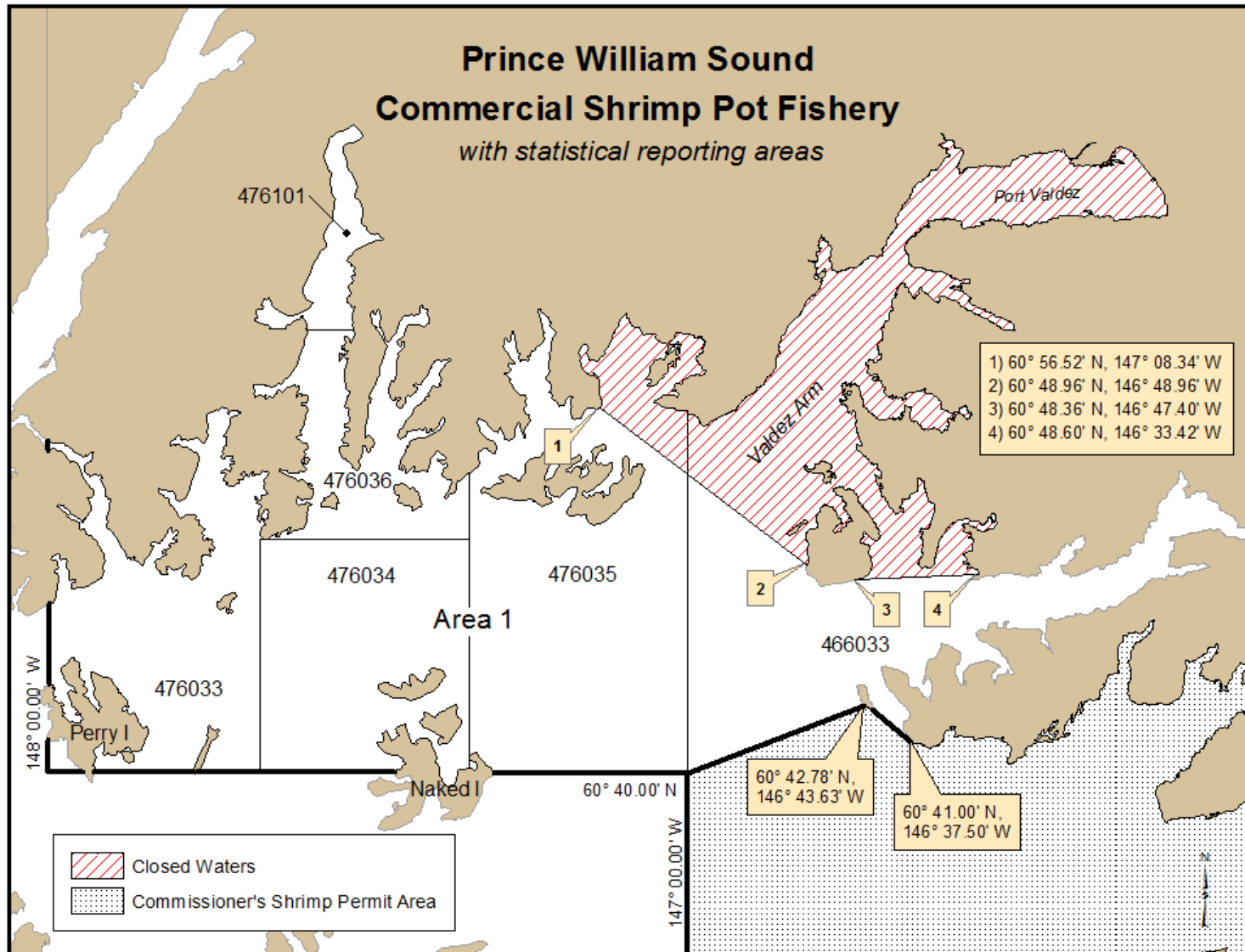


Figure 1.—2016 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishing area.