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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP ANNOUNCEMENT FISHERY CLOSURE

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the closure of the commercial pot shrimp fishery and the following information concerning the 2019/2020 winter season.

The following areas will close by regulation at 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2020:

District 4: Harvest is confidential. District 4 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2020;

District 5: No reported harvest. District 5 is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2020;

District 15: Harvest is confidential. The remainder of District 15 (west side) is expected to reopen by emergency order on May 15, 2020.

The department will announce areas open for the summer fishery no later than May 1, 2020. By May 1, the department will have had time to analyze all available harvest and biological data for areas with remaining quota. Areas that are determined to have less than desirable stock health or areas that have low remaining quota will not reopen for the summer fishery.

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, and 15 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2020. 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.

Areas	Pounds Harvested	Closure Date
District 1	57,200	October 14, 2019
District 2	42,400	October 12, 2019
Section 3-A	125,300	October 15, 2019
Section 3-B/C	22,600	October 28, 2019
District 4	Confidential	February 28, 2020
District 5	No Reported Harvest	February 28, 2020
Section 6-B/C/D	29,000	October 19, 2019
District 7	85,200	October 12, 2019
Section 8-A/10-C	12,700	October 21, 2019
Section 8-B/6-A	16,800	October 18, 2019
District 9	11,300	October 10, 2019
Section 10-A/B	62,000	October 9, 2019
District 11-Seymour	9,300	October 8, 2019
District 12-Tenakee	12,000	October 2, 2019
District 12-Remainder	10,300	October 17, 2019
Section 13-A/B	15,800	October 13, 2019
Section 13-C	13,400	October 7, 2019
District 15 (Eastern)	Confidential	November 6, 2019
District 15 (Western)	Confidential	February 28, 2020
SE Pot Shrimp Est. Harvest	534,300	

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