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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SHRIMP BEAM TRAWL FISHERY CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today the regulatory closure [5 AAC 31.111] of the commercial shrimp beam trawl fishery, and the following information concerning the 2019/2020 season:

All open areas will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m., Friday, February 28.

Shrimp tickets must be submitted to a department 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 onboard, by species, before any shrimp are removed from the vessel [5 AAC 31.143 (d)].

The shrimp beam trawl fishery will reopen May 1, 2020, for the 2020/2021 season. Guideline harvest levels will be announced in a preseason news release in April.

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

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