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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Area Shrimp Pot Fishery Closes

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS) commercial shrimp pot season opened at 8:00 a.m. on April 15 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 68,100 lb. The first fishing period closed at 8:00 p.m. April 26 with 45,856 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 55 vessels as reported on ADF&G fish tickets.

The second period of the PWS shrimp pot fishery opened at 8:00 a.m. May 4. Statistical Area 486034 closed on May 7 and the remaining statistical areas closed at 8:00 p.m. May 9. The estimated harvest during the second period from vessel call-in reports is 20,623 lb of whole shrimp harvested by 48 vessels; harvest was ~3,400 lb per day. Total estimated harvest for the fishery is 66,480 lb of whole shrimp or 98% of the GHL.

Therefore, the PWS shrimp pot fishery **is closed for the remainder of the season.**

Approximately 30,120 lb, or 45% of the total GHL, was harvested from statistical area 486034. Only 50% of the GHL may be harvested in any one statistical area (5 AAC 31.214).

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.