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This memorandum provides a summary of recommendations and plans by Southeast Alaska (SEAK) Region fishery management biologists for the 2025/26 commercial shrimp pot fishery season that opens May 15, 2025.

COMMENTS ON REVIEW PROCESS

Management and research staff met via MS Teams on March 21, 2025, to review and discuss spot and coonstripe shrimp stock status for each of the 22 regulatory shrimp pot fishing areas within SEAK. Research staff summarized available information for each area in the draft *Southeast Pot Shrimp Stock Status Prior to the 2025/26 Season* (Schoenfeld & Smith *In Prep.*) report and area management staff completed the review by providing fishery summaries and upcoming fishery management strategies for each of their areas.

SEASON CHANGE

The Southeast shrimp pot fishery was changed from a primarily fall/winter season, which had been in effect since the mid-1990s, to a spring/summer season at the 2022 Southeast Alaska Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting. This change effectively shifted the 2022/23 season's fall fishery that would have begun October 1, 2022, to a starting date of May 15, 2023. Due to the regulatory changes, seasons will now begin May 15 rather than October 1, therefore the May 15, 2023 start date fell within the 2023/24 season. Although there will be no fishery shown for the 2022/23 season, there was no loss of a season, but due to semantics of the regulatory changes it will appear that way.

The goal of the season change is to rebuild the SEAK shrimp pot fishery to a sustainable level. Over the last 2 decades, guideline harvest levels (GHLs) have been cut and areas closed resulting in an annual harvest less than half of what it was in the late 1990s and early 2000s. In addition, there have been recruitment failures observed in several of the surveyed areas in recent years. Although there have periodically been proposals to change the season since the 1990's, the decline in harvest and closures of areas resulted in a number of proposals to change the season at the 2018 BOF meeting but the proposed changes were not adopted by the board. During the 2021 board cycle, multiple proposals were again submitted and there was more public support for the season change. The department is in support of the change as it will reduce harvest of mature, egg bearing shrimp and allow eggs to hatch before being harvested; thus, potentially increasing shrimp stocks. The department also recognizes that this season adjustment will fundamentally change the fishery and create potential management complications.

Management complications will be prevalent for at least the first several seasons. Although participation for the first two spring seasons was similar to the last fall season, participation in the spring fishery will continue to be a large unknown. The milder spring weather and lack of competing shellfish fisheries may draw more effort, at least for the first several weeks of the season before some participants leave the fishery in preparation for the summer commercial Dungeness crab fishery. Shrimp distribution within fishing areas may differ in the spring compared to fall. The relative catchability of shrimp may also differ. Finally, there may be more direct competition with sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp fisheries. As a result, managers will need to be judicious when comparing this season to past seasons and not overreact to inseason data as the fishery develops.

Management staff considered decrementing GHLs for the initial spring season in 2023 due to loss of heavier egg bearing shrimp in a spring/summer fishery. There was concern from industry that more individual shrimp would be harvested in a spring/summer season versus a fall/winter season to achieve the same GHLs. In response, the department analyzed historical shrimp size and weight from surveys and estimated there would be a regionwide average 3.3% decrease in weight due to lack of egg bearing shrimp in May. This varied by area and had a range of 2.2–4.5%. The analysis had two major assumptions: shrimp do not grow or shrink in carapace length from September to May, and length/weight relationships established in the September survey data would still be valid in May. Given an adjustment of 3% is small, management error is often larger than 3%, assumptions are associated with the analysis, and a GHL decrement was not a matter of public record at the March BOF when discussing this season change, the department opted to not decrement any GHLs based on this analysis.

SHRIMP POT FISHERY OVERVIEW

Descriptions of areas open to shrimp pot fishing can be found in **5 AAC 31.105 Descriptions of Registration Area A districts and sections.**

GHLs since the 2009/10 season and planned GHL changes for the 2025/26 season are presented in Table 1. The overall proposed SEAK GHL is 408,600 pounds. This is a decrease from last season's overall GHL of 438,300 pounds, and less than the 2014–2024 average GHL of 499,400 pounds. The historical harvest and effort by area are shown in Table 2. The combined harvest from last season of 396,200 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp was 90% of the available GHL of 438,300 pounds and below the 2013–2023 average harvest of 524,300 pounds. Regionwide effort was 92 permits, below the 2013–2023 average of 104 permits.

Harvests in the SEAK shrimp pot fishery remained at or below 50,000 pounds annually through the 1980s, GHLs and harvests expanded through the 1990s and early 2000s, with harvests peaking in the 2003/04 season at 1.1 million pounds. Since then, as seen in Tables 1 and 2, GHLs and harvests have been steadily declining and are currently less than 500,000 pounds annually.

SHRIMP POT FISHERY MANAGEMENT

Management of the shrimp pot fishery is continually evolving, and the department currently utilizes several management strategies based on available information. The traditional management strategy in place since the late 1990s is to set a GHL within the guideline harvest range (GHR). GHLs typically remain in place for a minimum of 3 seasons and available data from each fishing area are reviewed annually and recommendations for changes in area-specific GHLs are considered. If changes to GHLs are suggested based on data inputs, changes occur in increments of at least 20% but do not exceed 40% of the current GHL or the upper end of the GHR; changes to the GHL less than 20% may not demonstrate how a change in harvest affects the shrimp stock, and changes more than 40% may be larger than the stock can withstand.

Beginning in the 2020/21 season and moving forward, 2 additional strategies utilized for select fishing areas began. The first is to recognize the utility of using information gained from fall surveys to adjust GHLs and/or fishing areas for the following season. This is a deviation from past practices of keeping GHLs in place for a minimum of 3 seasons. If adjustments to GHLs are deemed necessary from fall survey information, the slow-up and fast-down approach will be utilized. Increases in GHLs will be in 10 to 14% increments and will not exceed 45% or the upper end of the GHR. Decreases in GHL will be in 10 to 25% decrements and if decrements more than 45% are necessary, the area may close for the season or specific localized closures within an area may be applied. This has been done in the Ketchikan management area in portions of both District 1 and 2.

The second strategy applies to the Juneau management area. This strategy is to rotate several fishing areas in northern Southeast on a 2 or 3-year basis to provide more consistent opportunity for north end shrimp fishermen. In 1995, districts were assigned GHLs based on historical harvests. Districts that did not have a significant historical record of shrimp harvest were assigned an exploratory GHR of 0 to 20,000 pounds. This applied to Districts 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16. With this change and increased participation in the shrimp pot fishery, harvests increased substantially in these areas. Over time, harvesting at the upper end of the GHR proved unsustainable. Since the mid to late 2000s, catch per unit effort (CPUE) and harvests in these districts began to decline and increasingly conservative management measures were taken including GHL reductions and commercial, personal use, and sport fisheries closures. As a result, annual harvest levels became smaller and more difficult to manage and overall opportunity decreased.

Active adjustments to GHLs utilized in Districts 6 and 7 beginning with the 2012/13 season will not be utilized this season. In the 2021/22 season, the department moved away from inseason GHL adjustment in Sections 6-B/C/D due to the lack of survey data and a shift in information received from the commercial fishery inseason. Inseason adjustments to the GHL in District 7 were based on the fall survey data, inseason tracking of >XL (greater than 40.5 grams) shrimp harvests through logbooks, inseason CPUE, and shrimp size information obtained from on the grounds (OTG) sampling. Inseason adjustments did not exceed 45% of the base level GHL. Given the uncertainty of comparing commercial harvest and stock data to prior years, adjusting GHLs inseason, especially upwards, would be hard to justify. However, in District 7, the department may close the season prior to reaching the GHL given the concerns for stock health identified by the fall surveys.

2025/26 SEASON GHL AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Detailed plans for each area are provided in the following section. There are several specific changes from the 2024/25 season based on evaluation of stock status trends: 1) reopen District 16 and Section 11-B/C on an alternate year harvest strategy; 2) close District 12-Remainder and Section 11-D on a rotational harvest strategy; and 3) in District 7, Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel and Eastern Passage will be closed.

During the last several meeting cycles, the BOF adopted regulations that modified shrimp pot fishing areas and allowed the department to collect more detailed harvest information. At the 2015 BOF meeting, a

regulation was adopted requiring all shrimp catcher-processors to report catch information in logbooks, including detailed size breakdowns of their harvest. In 2018, the BOF adopted 4 new or redefined GHIL areas (Northern Clarence Strait, Sumner Strait, Southern Frederick Sound, and Northern Frederick Sound). In 2022, the BOF approved the splitting of District 15 into 2 distinct GHIL areas. Detailed information of the reporting procedures will again be described in the first advisory announcement of the 2025/26 season. In 2025, the board adopted a proposal to include slinky pots as a gear type. The allowance of slinky pots will likely not be in effect for the 2025/26 season but will be a separate gear category on vessel registrations in future years.

SPORT, PERSONAL USE, AND SUBSISTENCE

In 2018, the BOF adopted regulations that required permits to sport, personal use, and subsistence fish for shrimp. The department has derived harvest estimates from returned and completed permits. From 2018 through 2023, an average of 120,100 pounds of shrimp was harvested by personal use/subsistence fishers and 15,300 pounds of shrimp by sport users. The average noncommercial annual harvest is 22% of the total harvest. Considering the noncommercial harvest comprises a substantial portion of the overall harvest and ongoing concerns with stock health, the department submitted a proposal to close the noncommercial season during the sensitive egg hatch period from March 1 through April 30. The BOF considered and adopted the proposal during their 2025 Southeast board meeting. The regulations will be in effect for 2026.

SHRIMP POT GHIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON

District 1—GHIL will remain at **40,000 pounds with a preset closure in Back Behm and West Behm Canal.**

For the 2006/07 season the GHIL was reduced from 164,000 to 98,400 pounds due to declining harvest rates and increasing season length observed during the previous 5 seasons. The GHIL was reduced for the 2008/09 season to 78,700 pounds and then again for the 2009/10 season to 50,000 pounds with separate, preset closures in West Behm and the remainder of the district. Due to improving stock health, the GHIL was increased to 64,000 pounds for the 2015/16 season. The GHIL was subsequently reduced for the 2019/20 season to 50,000 pounds due to sharp declines in both the fall surveys and the commercial CPUE in Back Behm Canal.

There were several negative stock health indicators during the 2018/19 season that resulted in management actions taken for the 2019/20 season. Despite the overall District 1 commercial CPUE being above baseline, the fall survey and commercial harvest information continued to indicate sharp declines of shrimp abundance in Back Behm Canal. There was also a sharp decline during the 2018/19 season in commercial CPUE in Back Behm Canal. The continued decline in the fall survey harvest rate of all size classes of shrimp with no positive indicators justified a predetermined closure of October 7 in Back Behm Canal for the 2019/20 season. The preset closure date was not instituted for the 2020/21 season, based on the fall survey results; however, for the 2021/22 season, Back Behm and West Behm Canal were closed on October 7, prior to the remainder of the District based on commercial harvest rates and poor recruitment in the fall survey.

The overall District 1 shrimp stock showed improvements in stock health in the 2019/20 season, and harvest has been relatively stable throughout District 1 for the past 3 years. The commercial CPUE in Back Behm Canal increased, and more importantly the 2019 fall survey showed an increase in the recruits for the fishery (<32 mm), suggesting a large recruitment event in the area. Given these changes, the preset closure date in Back Behm Canal was not implemented for the 2020/21 season; however, the GHIL remained at 50,000 pounds. The 2020/21 fall survey data showed a further decline in large size (≥ 41 mm) class shrimp and a sharp decline in small size class (<41mm) shrimp to below the baseline. Commercial fishery performance also dropped sharply from the 2019/20 season and although it is near the baseline, the complete lack of small shrimp in the fall survey suggests extremely poor recruitment. The early closure during the 2021/22 season in Back Behm

and West Behm Canal was not announced until October 5 and was not as effective in reducing effort as announcements made preseason, which generally have the benefit of significantly reducing effort and subsequent harvest while still providing some commercial harvest data. Due to the season change from fall to spring, Back Behm Canal did not have a preseason closure date set for the 2023/24 season.

While the overall District 1 shrimp stock exhibits relatively stable stock health, the Back Behm and West Behm area's commercial CPUE data are near the lowest levels since the inception of the shrimp pot fishery in 1995. Additionally, the fall survey that occurred in the fall of 2023 saw the lowest catch rates of all size classes of shrimp in both Back Behm and West Behm since the survey began in 2011 and continued to show very poor recruitment into the fishery with very few small shrimp (<32 mm) encountered. For the 2024 season, both Back Behm and West Behm had a preset season closure of May 21, which allowed for 7 days of fishing in these areas. This provides some commercial fishery performance data and eliminates the opportunity for boats to repetitively fish over the same grounds. During the 2024 season, Back Behm canal saw an increase in CPUE in the commercial fishery and in the department's fall survey, there was a significant increase in the number of small shrimp (<32 mm). In the last ten years, the Back Behm and West Behm Canal areas account for approximately 30% of the total harvest in District 1, so maintaining the districtwide GHIL at 40,000 pounds is necessary to alleviate harvest pressure throughout the remainder of the district. **The waters of Behm Canal north of a line from Escape Point at 55°39.07' N lat, 131°43.04' W long to Point Francis at 55°40.21' N lat, 131°46.11' W long and west of the longitude of Point Whaley at 131°15.84' W long will close at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2025.** The fall survey, commercial CPUE, and distribution of effort may be used to adjust the GHIL in season.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 59,500 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 39,500 pounds and the season closed May 31, 2024.

District 2—GHIL will remain at 30,000 pounds **and Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm will be closed.**

The District 2 GHIL was reduced for the 2009/10 season from 86,000 to 65,000 pounds due to excessive exploitation rates, declining CPUE, and a decrease in mean carapace length (CL). For the 2014/15 season, negative survey indicators prompted a reduction in GHIL to 52,000 pounds. Based on extremely poor fall survey results, Kasaan Bay was closed prior to the 2015/16 season and the GHIL was reduced to 42,000 pounds. For the 2016/17 season, continued stock decline in Kasaan Bay and Cholmondeley Sound prompted a further reduction in GHIL to 29,400 pounds. After positive indicators in the fall survey, the outer portion of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm reopened for the 2018/19 season with a preset closure date of October 7. The GHIL increased to 40,000 pounds for the 2020/21 season in response to the improved commercial catch rates observed in both Cholmondeley Sound and Kasaan Bay, increased catch rates of large class shrimp in the fall survey, and high districtwide CPUE.

The District 2 shrimp pot fishery had a positive response to these management actions. Districtwide commercial CPUE was at a historical low in the 2015/2016 season and increased, exceeding the baseline in the 2019/20 season, remaining similar for the 2020/21 season, and then decreasing to a midrange CPUE for the 2021/22 season. During the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons, Kasaan Bay set new historical high commercial CPUE before dropping sharply in the 2021/22 season. In the 2019/20 season the GHIL was intentionally exceeded based on both strong fall survey and commercial CPUE. In 2020/21, the GHIL was exceeded intentionally again based on strong catch rates in both the fall survey and the commercial fishery with catches in Kasaan Bay at historically high levels. During the 2021/22 season the fishery was intentionally closed before meeting the GHIL based on the lack of effort and harvest in Kasaan Bay and the concentrated harvest in Cholmondeley Sound which accounted for two thirds of the District 2 GHIL for the season. District 2 has a fall survey in both Cholmondeley Sound and Kasaan Bay which comprises 70% to 80% of the districtwide GHIL;

as a result, confidence with the survey data combined with commercial fishery performance data as an indicator of shrimp abundance in the district is good. The shrimp pot fishery transitioned to a spring fishery in 2022, so with no fall fishery occurring in 2022, the spring 2023/24 season had no preset closure date in Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm. Department survey data from fall 2023 indicated a reduction in all size classes of shrimp and extremely poor recruitment of small class sizes. For the 2024/25 season, poor department survey results combined with poor commercial fishery performance data, the previous two seasons led to a preset closure date of May 21 in the waters of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm, with a reduction in the overall District GHL from 40,000 to 30,000 pounds. Commercial CPUE from the first 2 days of the fishery were extremely poor and an announcement was issued immediately closing Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm by emergency order at 4:00 p.m., May 18, 2024. For the 2025 season, management actions will be taken in response to the poor metrics in all relevant data sources in Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm, including, the department survey, commercial CPUE, and personal use permit harvest data. **The waters of Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm west of the longitude of Kasaan Point at 132°16.87' W long will be closed for the 2025/26 commercial shrimp pot season.** Additionally, a personal use closure will likely occur at a date to be determined by late April or early May. The personal use closure is likely to occur at some point in July and will remain closed through May 1, 2026. Maintaining the districtwide GHL at 30,000 pounds is necessary to alleviate harvest pressure throughout the remainder of the district. The fall survey, commercial CPUE, and distribution of effort may be used to adjust the GHL in season.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 38,600 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 26,800 pounds and the season closed May 26, 2024.

Section 3-A—GHL will remain at 114,000 pounds.

For the 2000/01 season, the Section 3-A GHL increased from 200,000 to 264,000 pounds. The GHL was reduced to 198,000 pounds for the 2004/05 season due to a consistent decline in shrimp size and fishery harvest rates. From 2004/05 through the 2007/08 seasons, the shrimp population was relatively stable with an average harvest of 198,000 pounds. However, to increase the health and productivity of the Section 3-A shrimp stock, the GHL was reduced to 158,400 pounds for the 2008/09 season. The GHL remained at 158,400 pounds over the next 2 years but the average annual harvest over this period was only 128,000 pounds. There were no signs of improvement in the commercial fishery or the department survey which led to a further GHL reduction to 95,000 pounds for the 2010/11 season. Sectionwide CPUE began to increase as biological benchmarks did in the fall survey and the GHL was increased to the current GHL of 114,000 pounds beginning with the 2015/16 season.

Sectionwide commercial CPUE decreased significantly during the 2023/24 season which continued a downward trend from the previous three years. This decline brought the CPUE well below the baseline and was at the lowest level on record. However, given the shift to a spring fishery for the 2023 season, comparing sectionwide commercial harvest rates between the past fall fisheries to the spring fishery may not be immediately useful or indicative of the overall population and distribution. In 2021, after several years of decreasing commercial CPUE, and poor survey data Hetta Inlet closed to commercial harvest. At the time, the remainder of Section 3-A was performing well in the other analysis areas and the overall GHL was not decremented. All indicators from the Hetta Inlet fall survey still show the shrimp population at a low level, however, survey harvest in northern Hetta Inlet has shown signs of improvement, but not enough to justify commercial harvest currently. Hetta Inlet **will remain closed** north of the latitude of Hetta Point at 55°10.40' N lat due to poor stock status indicated from past commercial fishery data and recent fall survey data. However, other areas in Section 3-A exhibited extremely positive metrics in the 2024 survey data for the prerecruit cohort in both Lower Cordova and Upper Cordova with both areas above the baseline. The 2024/25 commercial

CPUE was above average throughout most of the section and if Hetta Inlet shows further improvement in the 2025 survey, it may reopen with a small increment to the overall Section 3-A GHL.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 123,000 pounds. The 2024/25 season’s harvest was 116,000 pounds and the season closed May 24, 2024.

Sections 3-B/C—GHL will be **reduced to 10,000 pounds**.

For the 2007/08 season the GHL was reduced from 50,000 to 40,000 pounds due to a decline in mean CL and CPUE. For the 2010/11 season the GHL was reduced to 30,000 pounds based on decreasing commercial CPUE.

In Sections 3-B/C, there is no survey and limited biological sampling. The areawide commercial CPUE, the only metric analyzed in this section, has been on a steady downward trend since the 2016/17 season and is now at its lowest level (less than half of the recent 10-year average) since standardization was possible. Due to consistently declining commercial CPUE over the previous 5 seasons, the GHL was reduced by 33% to 20,000 pounds for the 2021/22 season. Despite this only 9,200 pounds of the GHL was harvested during the 2023/24 season and only 11,100 pounds were harvested during the 2024/25 season. Due to the low harvest rate in the 2023/24 season and the similar harvest rate seen for the first part of the 2024/25 season, Section 3-B/C remained closed for the fall portion of the 2024/25 season. Commercial fishery performance data is the only available data source in Section 3-B/C, however, unlike other Districts or Sections where the entire GHL was harvested in the fall fishery and then in the spring fishery beginning in 2023, Section 3-B/C was open for the entire season, both spring and fall, after the fishery change in 2023, which allows direct comparison between the current and past fall fisheries. There is also concern with localized depletion throughout large portions of Sections 3-B/C and fisherman targeting the few remaining areas that can support a fishery. The 2025/26 commercial GHL for Section 3-B/C will be reduced to 10,000 pounds initially and may be closed prior to the GHL being reached based on fishery performance data, effort, and distribution of harvest and effort.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 26,400 pounds. The 2024/25 season’s harvest was 11,100 pounds and closed by regulation on July 31, 2024.

District 4—GHL will remain at 20,000 pounds.

Data for District 4 is very limited. No surveys are conducted, and the fishery has never been sampled. Effort and harvest have been sporadic throughout its history, with fishery performance and logbook data being the only indicators of stock health. Located on the open ocean, harvest in District 4 is often affected by weather, and the area has historically received limited effort during open seasons.

In the 2023/24 spring fishery, three vessels with average district harvest rates caught just over half of the GHL before ceasing operations. No effort occurred during the fall season. Most harvest typically takes place in small bays along the outer coasts of Dall, Baker, and Suemez Islands. In recent years with fall fisheries, fall effort has been minimal, with the majority of harvest occurring in spring and summer when the fishery reopens. Following the 2023 change in the pot shrimp fishery start date to May 15, District 4 saw some effort in late May after Section 3-A closed, with three permit holders participating in the 2023/24 spring season. For 2024/25, effort and harvest data are confidential. Although commercial CPUE in District 4 remains low compared to other districts, it has been stable, and there are currently no concerns regarding stock health.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 17,100 pounds. The 2024/25 season harvest was confidential. The fishery reopened in the fall and closed by regulation on February 28, 2025.

District 5—GHL will remain at 12,000 pounds.

The GHL for District 5 was 20,000 pounds from the 1995/96 season until the 2015/16 season, when it was reduced to 12,000 pounds. Effort has been sporadic in recent years, with some years having very low harvests due to very low effort. The recent 10-year average harvest is 3,100 pounds, with the highest being 7,700 pounds in 2017/18 and a low of 500 pounds for the 2021/22 season. No biological data is available for this area, and a survey is not conducted.

The 2013/14–2023/24 average harvest is 3,000 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest of 3,400 pounds was from 3 boats and closed on February 28, 2025.

Sections 6-B/C/D—GHL will remain at 15,000 pounds.

Sections 6-B/C/D is a new management area created by the BOF in 2018. It is comprised of 2 analysis areas: Northern Clarence and Southwest Etolin Island with a combined GHR of 0 to 60,000 pounds. This area has historically been the core fishing area of District 6. A survey is not conducted for this area.

The base GHL was set at 32,000 pounds for the 2012/13 through 2016/17 seasons. In 2017, the base GHL was raised to 42,900 pounds to allow for adjustment to reach the 60,000-pound upper end of the GHR range. For Sections 6-B/C/D, inseason adjustments of a 20% decrement in 2018/19 and a 30% decrement for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons were made based on in-season information.

Due to declining fishery performance and a decrease in shrimp sizes, the department moved away from in-season adjustments in Sections 6-B/C/D for the 2021/22 season and instead allowed fishing for a fixed-length season of 8 days with an expected harvest of 15,000 pounds. The season total spot shrimp harvest in 2021/22 was 4,714 pounds, with only three boats participating. In 2023/24, the pre-set 8-day limit was extended for three days in season based on improved fishery performance with a good mixture of age classes. In 2024/25, Sections 6-B/C/D did not have a fixed season length and were managed to the preseason GHL of 15,000 pounds. In 2025/26, Sections 6-B/C/D will again be managed to the same preseason GHL.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 29,400 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 16,900 pounds from 5 boats and closed on May 29, 2024.

District 7—GHG will be reduced by 25% to 56,000 pounds, and Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage will be closed.

This area has been surveyed by the department annually in the fall since 1997. Fall survey data in 2019 showed a strong recruitment of juvenile shrimp, which supported good harvests during the 2019/20 through 2021/22 seasons. However, the fall surveys of 2021 through 2024 detected lowered levels of younger age classes of shrimp. Additionally, commercial harvests of smaller classes of shrimp have been declining for the past 4 seasons in the core area of the district. Because of this and unknown factors associated with the switch to a spring fishery, conservation measures will be in place for the 2025/26 season.

An area closure will be in effect for the Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage area. Fall surveys conducted by the department have shown a decrease in catch rates in Bradfield Canal in recent years with catch rates of almost all size classes at less than 25% of the baseline in 2024. Commercial CPUE in this area has been declining steadily for the past decade and dropped below baseline in the 2024/25 season for the first time since the 2003/04 season.

Due to the closure of the Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel and Eastern Passage area, a 25% reduction in the District 7 GHG is warranted to prevent additional pressure on other areas within the district. Bradfield Canal, Eastern Passage and Blake Channel have made up an average of 27% of the overall District 7 commercial harvest annually since the 2014/15 season. Therefore, the GHG will be reduced by 25% resulting in a GHG of 56,000 pounds during the 2025/26 season, down from 74,300 pounds which has been in place since 2015/16.

The GHG for District 7 has ranged from 104,000 pounds in the 2000/01 season to 54,600 pounds in the 2010/11 season. The base GHG was 63,700 pounds for the 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15 seasons. The base GHG for the area was increased to 74,300 pounds beginning with the 2015/16 season and remained there through 2024/25.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 84,400 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 65,000 pounds from 16 boats, and the season closed on May 26, 2024.

Sections 8-B and 6-A—GHG will remain at 15,000 pounds.

Sections 8-B and 6-A were combined into a new management area by the BOF in 2018, comprising of 3 analysis areas—Eastern Sumner, Western Sumner, and Stikine Strait/Chichagof Pass—with a combined GHR of 0 to 25,000 pounds. A survey is not conducted for this area.

Fishery performance has generally been good over the past 7 seasons. Although commercial harvest data is difficult to interpret because effort in these areas can be variable from year to year, commercial CPUE continued to be above baseline in Stikine Strait/Chichagof Pass and is at baseline in Eastern Sumner and Western Sumner.

During the 2024/25 season, the fishery was open 15 days with a harvest of 15,100 pounds from 9 boats. The recent 10-year average harvest is 13,500 pounds. This area has seen consistent harvests over the past several years, and CPUE has been at or above baseline in all areas. However, this area is a high-use subsistence area, is not surveyed, and limited biological samples have been obtained in the past few years. Commercial CPUE was comfortably above baselevel and consistent with recent fall fishery CPUE during the first spring fishery in 2023/24 but dropped to a little above baselevel in the 2024/25 season.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 12,600 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 15,100 pounds from 9 boats, and the season closed on May 29, 2024.

Sections 8-A and 10-C—GHL will remain at 12,000 pounds.

Sections 8-A and 10-C were combined into a new management area by the BOF in 2018. It is comprised of 2 analysis areas—Farragut Bay and Southern Frederick Sound—with a combined GHR of 0 to 20,000 pounds. A survey is not conducted for this area.

Commercial CPUE has been below baseline levels for the past 3 seasons (2021/22, 2023/24, and 2024/25). However, commercial harvest data is difficult to interpret as effort in those sections can vary considerably from year to year and it's unclear how the change from a fall to a spring fishery has affected CPUE. In 2025/26, the department intends to improve the inseason commercial sampling rate in this area. However, despite the proximity to town, this area is challenging to sample due to low and sporadic effort coupled with a lengthy season overlapping with other fisheries.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 10,500 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 11,400 pounds from 7 boats, and the season closed on June 16, 2024.

District 9—GHL will remain at 10,000 pounds.

The GHL in District 9 has changed 5 times since the 1998/99 season. It increased 20% from 15,000 to 18,000 pounds for the 2000/01 fishing season, where it remained until the 2011/12 season when it was reduced to 14,000 pounds. In response to continued declining standardized CPUE values, the GHL was reduced by 20% to 11,000 pounds for the 2015/16 season and further reduced to 6,500 pounds since the 2018/19 season. Prior to the 2023/24 season, the GHL was increased to 10,000 pounds due to increased CPUE. The analysis area composition of the harvest is variable, but most harvest comes from Eliza Harbor and SE Baranof Island. There were no landings from Keku Strait or Western Kuiu Island during the 2011/12 to 2024/25 fishing seasons.

The only data available for this district were standardized commercial CPUE with relatively high variation. District 9 CPUE was well below baseline in the 2024/25 season, continuing to decrease from the 2023/24 season. Decreases in district CPUE are attributed to decreases in CPUE in both Eliza Harbor and SE Baranof. Effort is usually focused in Eliza Harbor; this season, the focus changed to SE Baranof. With better weather in the spring, SE Baranof may continue to see increased effort.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 11,500 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 8,900 pounds, and the season closed on May 30, 2024.

Sections 10-A/B—GHL will remain at 35,000 pounds.

Sections 10-A/B were created by the BOF in 2018. It is comprised of 3 analysis areas—Port Houghton, Hobart/Windham, and Southeast Admiralty—with a combined GHR of 0 to 50,000 pounds. This area has historically been the core fishing area of District 10. A survey is not conducted for this area.

The GHL in District 10 increased from 30,000 to 35,000 pounds for the 2000/01 season and to 48,000 pounds for the 2004/05 season. The GHL was reduced to 36,000 pounds for the 2013/14 season and to 29,000 pounds for the 2016/17 season. Commercial harvest information for District 10 indicated that shrimp populations declined sharply during the 2011/12 and 2012/13 seasons and again during the 2014/15 season. The 2018/19 season marked the first season for the Sections 10-A/B management area. The GHL for the area was set at 35,000 pounds and has remained there.

In the 2019/20 season, commercial harvest information suggested that shrimp populations were at a historically high level. Due to the unanticipated increase in CPUE that season, management was slow to react, and the fleet landed a record harvest of 62,000 pounds in 9 days. The following season, the effort nearly doubled from 8 boats in 2019/20 to 14 boats in 2020/21. The season lasted 6 days, the shortest on record for the area, but

management again exceeded the GHL with a harvest of 57,000 pounds. In 2021/22, management exceeded the GHL for a third time, harvesting 51,000 pounds in 8 days. From 2020/21 through 2023/24, CPUE declined steadily from the record high level in 2019/20 to below average in all analysis areas. In 2024/25, commercial CPUE increased from the previous season but still remains below the base level. Commercial CPUE indicates that the high harvest has had a negative impact on stock health, but it is unclear if the change in season from fall to spring has also negatively affected commercial CPUE. The total harvest in 2024/25 was at the GHL, and management intends to harvest within 5% of the GHL again in 2025/26.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 41,600 pounds. The 2024/25 season’s harvest was 34,900 pounds from 7 boats, and the season closed on May 23, 2024.

Sections 11-A/B/C—will reopen with a GHL of 4,000 pounds.

A GHL of 7,500 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp was established for the remainder of District 11 (Sections 11-A/B/C) for the 2012/13 season. Due to the observed decreases in commercial CPUE in Section 11-A adjacent to the community of Juneau, combined with an analysis of Division of Sport Fish creel data indicating the sport and personal use harvest was at least equal to the commercial harvest, Section 11-A was closed in 2013 to all shrimp fisheries to rebuild stock health. The department has conducted 5 surveys of Section 11-A from 2018 to 2024 to gather data on spot shrimp population size and structure with the results pointing to a stock experiencing recruitment failures for multiple years and the area remains closed to preserve the existing spawning stock. The Sections 11-B/C 7,500-pound GHL was in place through the 2016/17 season with nearly all the harvest coming from Endicott Arm in Section 11-C. Declining CPUE and concerns of serial depletion led to the closure of Endicott Arm and a reduction in the GHL to 4,000 pounds for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons. Harvests in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons were from the same small area in Stephens Passage and the entire area was closed for the 2019/20 through 2021/22 seasons.

Sections 11-A/B/C has exhibited serial depletion of the spot shrimp stock with the sequential closures of Section 11-A in 2013, Endicott Arm in 2017, and the entirety of Sections 11-B/C due to declines in commercial CPUE and harvest in 2019. To evaluate the multiple-year rotational strategy, Sections 11-B/C was opened in May of 2023 with a GHL of 4,000 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp. The Endicott Arm area was included in this opening for the first time since 2016. Although effort was minimal, CPUE of spot shrimp in Endicott Arm was improved over average seasonal CPUE since District 11 was split for the 2012/13 season and CPUE of spot shrimp in Stephens Passage was similar to average seasonal CPUE since the 2017/18 season when this area began seeing more consistent effort. The 2023/24 season harvest was 4,400 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp and the season closed on June 2, 2023. Stock status is not known for Sections 11-B/C but was moderate based on the 2023/24 season fishery metrics and continuing with an alternate year rotation and similar GHL could prove sustainable.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 6,000 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp.

Section 11-D (Seymour Canal)—will be closed.

A GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp was established for all of District 11 in 1995. In 2012, the BOF established separate GHRs of 0 to 30,000 pounds of spot shrimp for Seymour Canal (Section 11-D) and 0 to 15,000 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp for the remainder of the district (Sections 11-A/B/C). In the 2011/12 and 2012/13 seasons, an experimental inseason management approach modeled on the spawner index (SI) method utilized in British Columbia, Canada was investigated in Seymour Canal, but managers felt that with the small extent of the fishing area and rapid pace of the fishery, the SI approach was not suitable and reverted to the preseason GHL approach for the 2013/14 season. Based on declines in commercial CPUE and the observed contraction of the area fished while investigating the SI approach, the GHL was reduced to 15,000

pounds for the 2013/14 season and was further reduced to 12,000 pounds for the 2014/15 through 2018/19 seasons. With continuing declines in CPUE and further contraction of the fishing grounds, the GHIL was reduced to 10,000 pounds for the 2019/20 season.

Commercial CPUE in the 2019/20 season decreased from the previous season to the lowest since the 2001/02 season and the area was closed in the 2020/21 season. Department surveys were conducted for three consecutive years (2021–2023), and results from the 2023 survey had the lowest catch rates of small and large shrimp and similar L50 (size at which 50% are female) compared to the previous two surveys.

Section 11-D was reopened in May of 2024 with a 25% reduced GHIL in place (7,500 pounds). The average CPUE was less than the 2019/20 season, and the lowest on record. Seymour Canal will be monitored by survey again in the fall of 2025.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 11,500 pounds of spot shrimp.

District 12–Tenakee Inlet (12-T)—will remain closed.

A GHIL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp was established for all of District 12 in 1995. In the 2000/01 season the entire 20,000-pound GHIL for the district was taken from Tenakee Inlet and for the 2001/02 season Tenakee Inlet was separated from the District 12 remainder (12-R) and given its own GHIL of 20,000 pounds, and a 15,000-pound GHIL was put in place for 12-R. The Tenakee Inlet GHIL was increased to 28,000 pounds for the 2005/06 season. With declining CPUE in department fall surveys, the GHIL for Tenakee Inlet was reduced to 17,000 pounds for the 2008/09 season and was further reduced to 10,000 pounds for the 2010/11 season. Following the 2011 fall survey, a stock collapse was evident, and Tenakee Inlet was closed to commercial harvest. With continuing declines in fall survey performance, Tenakee Inlet was closed to sport and personal use shrimping in 2012. With survey results returning to near baseline levels, personal use and sport shrimping was reopened in December of 2017 and the commercial fishery was reopened in 2018.

A set 2-day commercial fishery in 2018 with a GHIL of 7,500 pounds of spot shrimp and an area closure west of Long Bay to provide some refugia attracted one boat which harvested 2,600 pounds of spot shrimp. Tenakee Inlet was again opened in 2019 with a 7,500-pound GHIL. With 6 boats on the grounds, managers set the season for 2 days again, with the fishery occurring in the same area as the fall survey. Harvest was 11,900 pounds of spot shrimp. A similar set 2-day opening in 2020 drew 6 boats again with a harvest of 11,700 pounds. In 2021, it was announced that Tenakee Inlet would open for 2 days and then the survey was conducted and CPUE of small size class shrimp dropped so substantially that the area was closed a week before the season opener. Survey data from 2022 through 2024 show small and large size classes shrimp CPUE substantially below baseline levels. However, in the 2024 survey there was a noticeable increase in the number of pre-recruits compared to the previous 3 years which could indicate a sign of population rebuilding. The personal use and sport shrimp pot fisheries remain closed as of March 17, 2023. With no survey or harvest data from the eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet, the stock status of the entire inlet is unknown, and the personal use and sport fishery was closed west of the longitude of Corner Point to potentially provide some indication of abundance from the permits. Tenakee Inlet will not be included in the rotational fishery management strategy in the Juneau Area at this time. The fall survey will monitor the health of the shrimp population and inform commercial fishery opportunities.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 8,800 pounds (only includes 3 seasons). This area last opened in October of 2020 with a set 2-day opening.

District 12—Remainder (12-R)—will be closed.

The 15,000-pound GHIL of spot shrimp for 12-R was reduced to 10,000 pounds for the 2008/09 season, and due to declining commercial CPUE and fishermen concerns, the area was closed to rebuild the stock from the 2012/13 through 2014/15 seasons. 12-R was reopened for the 2015/16 season with a reduced GHIL of 7,500 pounds; CPUE remained poor, and the area was closed again for the 2016/17 through 2018/19 seasons. 12-R reopened for the 2019/20 season with a GHIL of 7,500 pounds, was closed for the 2020/21 season, reopened for the 2021/22 season with a GHIL of 7,500 pounds, was closed for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons, and reopened for the 2024/25 season with a GHIL of 7,500 pounds.

After a three-year closure to rebuild stocks, 12-R was reopened for the 2015/16 season with catch rates in Kelp Bay, the primary driver of this GHIL area unchanged, and another three-year closure was instated to continue to rebuild stocks. This area reopened for the 2019/20 season with a GHIL of 7,500 pounds and a harvest of 10,300 pounds. Kelp Bay saw improved commercial CPUE and harvest with fishermen reporting consistent CPUEs but noted a decreasing size of shrimp over the course of the season. Freshwater Bay performed well but did not have any commercial effort for 7 years prior to the 2019/20 season. There was no effort in the Point Couverden analysis area. Four boats made landings in the 2021/22 season with nearly 90% of the total harvest coming from Kelp Bay. CPUE in Kelp Bay dropped substantially from the 2019/20 season to below baseline for that analysis area. Three boats made landings in the 2024/25 season and harvested a total of 1,500 pounds of spot shrimp with most of the harvest coming from Kelp Bay. Total standardized commercial CPUE remained below baseline and fell to a record low. The area did not reopen for a fall fishery in 2024 due to poor fishery performance and was closed on July 31. 12-R openings are anticipated to remain on a multiple-year rotational strategy.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 5,600 pounds (only includes 4 seasons).

Sections 13-A/B—GHIL will be reduced to 12,600 pounds.

Sections 13-A/B were separated from Section 13-C with a GHIL of 15,000 pounds of spot shrimp beginning with the 2000/01 season. The GHIL has not been modified since its inception. Sectionwide standardized commercial CPUE has a history of high variability in this section and decreased in the spring 2023/24 season from the previous season to below fall season baseline for the last two seasons. Standardized commercial CPUE remained below baseline all fished areas in the 2024/25 season.

Due to commercial and subsistence fishers testimony, a decline in subsistence harvest, and low commercial CPUE in the 2024/25 season, Crawfish Inlet and West Crawfish Inlet will be closed due to stock concerns. The subsistence fishery in Crawfish and West Crawfish Inlets was closed in January of 2025. Because these areas will be closed to commercial harvest, the GHIL for sections 13-A/B will be reduced by 2,400 pounds; this reduction represents the historical annual average commercial shrimp harvest from the closed area from 2011 to 2021.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 16,400 pounds. The 2024/25 season's harvest was 14,700 pounds and the season closed June 6.

Section 13-C—will remain closed.

GHILs for Section 13-C have steadily been reduced over the last 15 years: from 42,000 pounds to 34,000 pounds for the 2007/08 season, to 30,000 pounds for the 2008/09 season, to 26,000 pounds for the 2012/13 season, to 16,000 pounds prior to the 2017/18 season. In the more productive Hoonah Sound portion of Section 13-C, annual surveys were conducted from 1998 through 2014 and 2017 through 2022. Due to continued poor stock health metrics from the survey, Section 13-C has remained closed since the 2020/21 season.

Overall, results from the fall surveys conducted from 2017 through 2024 indicated poor, but improving stock health in Hoonah Sound. The catch rate of large size class shrimp increased to all-time highs in the 2020 through 2023 surveys following 2 years of near-record lows in 2018 and 2019 but declined slightly in 2024. The low abundance of small size class shrimp continues to be a concern since the near-record low in 2019; however, the catch rate of small size class shrimp increased from 2019 to 2023 and decreased slightly in 2024. The observed increase in prerecruits in the previous 2 years suggests the stock is on its way to recovery.

Both the subsistence and sport shrimp fisheries in Hoonah Sound have been closed since March 1, 2020. Because of the continued high catch rates of large size class shrimp, the increased observation of small size class shrimp, and the need for additional harvest data, a reopening of the subsistence fishery is warranted; however, this fishery will be gear limited in order slow the pace of harvest while allowing opportunity. The subsistence fishery will open on May 1, 2025.

Over the last 10 open seasons harvest averaged 24,400 pounds. This area was closed for the 2024/25 season.

District 14—will remain closed.

A GHL of 20,000 pounds of spot shrimp was established for District 14 in 1995. With declining commercial CPUE, the GHL was reduced to 15,000 pounds for the 2006/07 season and further reduced to 10,000 pounds for the 2008/09 season. The fishery closed for 3 seasons to rebuild the stock and reopened for the 2012/13 season with a GHL of 10,000 pounds. With CPUE unchanged, District 14 closed again for 3 seasons. The district reopened for the 2016/17 season with a reduced GHL of 7,500 pounds and an alternate-year rotational harvest strategy. In the 2020/21 season, overall fishery CPUE improved substantially over the 2018/19 season, in large part because of one boat fishing in western Icy Strait, an area with very little reported historical harvests. However, Eastern Icy Strait CPUE also showed a substantial increase over the previous 6 seasons it was fished.

Overall CPUE in the 2023/24 season was near baseline with effort spread throughout the district. The fishery reopened in the fall of 2023 and closed at the end of February 2024 for a season total of 229 days open. A total of 4 boats made landings with a harvest of 6,100 pounds of spot shrimp. Although standardized CPUE was near baseline, it dropped substantially from the previous 3 seasons when the district was opened. It was anticipated that District 14 openings would remain on a two-year rotational strategy, reopening in the spring of 2025, however, considering recent fishery performance, it will remain closed for at least one more season.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 6,700 pounds (only includes 4 seasons).

District 15-East—GHL will remain at 3,500 pounds of coonstripe shrimp **and Lutak Inlet will be closed.**

Historically, the District 15 GHR for coonstripe shrimp was 0 to 20,000 pounds districtwide through the 2004/05 season. The GHR was reduced 25% (0 to 15,000 pounds) for the 2005/06 season in response to conservation concerns, which resulted in a 3-year closure from 2006/07 to 2008/09. The district reopened in the 2009/10 season under a spatial management strategy that involved managing District 15 as 2 separate areas each with specific GHLs. The 2 core fishing areas became District 15 East and the remainder of District 15. District 15 East encompasses Lutak, Chilkoot, and Taiya Inlets. District 15 East has been managed for a GHL of 7,500 pounds since reopening in 2009/10 until the 2018/19 season when the GHL was reduced to 3,500 pounds. In addition, Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets were closed due to stock health concerns, leaving Taiya Inlet the only open area. Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets opened for the 2019/20 season, but fishery performance remained poor. These areas have remained closed since the 2020/21 season. This alternative management strategy of splitting the district into 2 separate fishing areas, each with specific GHLs, proved to be more sustainable and was adopted into regulation at the Alaska BOF meeting in 2022. The GHR for District 15 East is 0 to 10,000 pounds of coonstripe shrimp.

Over the past decade, most of the effort in this area have focused on Taiya Inlet, where the annual shrimp harvest has averaged 4,600 pounds. The inlet appears to support an annual harvest of approximately 5,000 pounds, though CPUE has declined in recent years. Lutak Inlet reopened for the first time since the 2009/10 season, but with minimal effort. One permit holder explored Taiyasanka Bay. Due to low catch rates and no effort in the main area of Lutak Inlet, harvestable populations could not be evaluated last season.

For the 2024/25 season, dockside samples were collected from Taiya Inlet. However, due to low participation, minimum sampling requirements were not fully met, making the metrics less reliable. These findings showed mean carapace length was at baseline and L_{50} increased to baseline. Department surveys are not conducted in District 15.

To balance fishing opportunities with ongoing assessments, a rotational opening schedule will be implemented: Lutka Inlet will open in even years and Chilkoot Inlet in odd years. In 2025/26 season, the department plans to enhance inseason commercial sampling, provided there is sufficient participation to meet sampling goals.

The 2024/25 season's harvest in Taiya Inlet is confidential and the season closed June 1, 2024.

District 15-Remainder—GHL will remain at 7,500 pounds of coonstripe shrimp.

District 15-Remainder includes Chilkat Inlet and waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Ayiklutu Point and north of the latitude of Little Island Light. The traditional core fishing area occurs in Chilkat Inlet. The remainder of District 15 has been managed for a GHL of 7,500 pounds since reopening for the 2009/10 season. During the BOF meeting in 2022, the board adopted a new GHR for the remainder of District 15 which is now 0 to 10,000 pounds of coonstripe shrimp. Chilkat Inlet will continue to be managed for a 7,500-pound GHL as findings show this harvest level to be sustainable.

During the 2024/25 season, dockside samples were collected from shrimp harvested in Chilkat Inlet. The mean carapace length remained above baseline, and L_{50} decreased to below baseline. Standardized CPUE remained above baseline although harvest and effort both slightly decreased in the 2024/25 season.

Chilkat Inlet remains highly variable, due to minimal participation to assess these stocks. Department surveys are not conducted in District 15-Remainder.

The 2013–2024 average harvest in Chilkat Inlet is 4,800 pounds of coonstripe shrimp. The 2024/25 season's harvest is confidential and the season closed by regulation on July 31. The spring season was open 77 days. This was three times longer than the 2023/24 season, but below the 2013–2024 average of 175 days for this area.

District 16—will reopen with a GHL of 12,000 pounds.

A GHL of 20,000 pounds of coonstripe shrimp was established for District 16 in 1995. With declining commercial CPUE, the GHL was reduced to 15,000 pounds for the 2004/05 season and with continued declines closed for 3 seasons to rebuild stocks. The fishery reopened in 2008 with a 15,000-pound GHL of spot and coonstripe shrimp and an alternate-year rotational harvest strategy was established. The spot shrimp contribution has historically made up a significant proportion of the harvest, and in recent seasons has been as high as 70% of the harvest. The GHL has been considered in total pounds of shrimp, combining coonstripe and spot shrimp, since the alternate-year rotational harvest strategy has been in place.

This district was the first in the region to employ the alternate-year rotational harvest strategy to reduce impacts on the stock, beginning with the 2008/09 season. This fishery opened for the sixth time in its biennial schedule in 2018 and CPUE of all shrimp decreased to levels that prompted the initial three-year closure in the 2005/06 season, so the fishery was again closed for 3 consecutive seasons from 2019/20 through 2021/22.

The District 16 GHIL was reduced by 20% to 12,000 pounds for the 2023/24 season based on poor performance in the previous 2 openings (2016/17 and 2018/19). Standardized CPUE of all shrimp was above the baseline, and the district closed on June 17. It is anticipated that openings will remain on a multiple-year rotational strategy.

The 2013–2024 average harvest is 10,300 pounds of spot and coonstripe shrimp (only includes 4 seasons).

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Table 1.—GHLs in pounds whole weight by season for the Registration Area A shrimp pot fisheries, 2009/10 through 2024/25 seasons.

Fishing	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10
1	40,000	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
2	30,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	29,400	29,400	29,400	42,000	52,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
3-A	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	114,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	158,400
3-B/C	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	40,000
4	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
5	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
6-B/C/D ^{2,5}	15,000	15,000	15,000 ¹	15,000 ¹	30,030 ³	34,320 ³	51,480 ³	44,800 ³	32,000 ³	20,800 ³	36,800 ³	38,400 ³	38,400 ³	24,000	68,000	68,000
7 ²	56,000	74,300 ³	96,590 ³	81,730 ³	74,300 ³	70,070 ³	77,500 ³	80,700 ³	54,600	54,600	78,000					
8-B/6-A ⁵	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	20,000
8-A/10-C ⁵	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9	10,000	10,000	10,000	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	11,000	11,000	11,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	18,000	18,000
10-A/B ⁵	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	29,000	29,000	36,000	36,000	36,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
11-D	Closed	7,500	Closed	Closed	Closed	10,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	15,000	N/A ⁴	20,000	20,000	20,000
11-A/B/C	4,000	Closed	4,000	Closed	Closed	Closed	4,000	4,000	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	—	—
12-Ten	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10,000	7,500	7,500	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10,000	17,000
12-Rem	Closed	7,500	Closed	7,500	Closed	7,500	Closed	Closed	Closed	7,500	Closed	Closed	Closed	10,000	10,000	10,000
13-A/B	12,600	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
13-C	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	16,000	16,000	16,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
14	Closed	Closed	7,500	Closed	7,500	Closed	7,500	Closed	7,500	Closed	Closed	Closed	10,000	Closed	Closed	Closed
15-East ⁶	3,500	3,500	3,500	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
15-Rem ⁶	7,500	7,500	7,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	12,000	Closed	12,000	Closed	Closed	Closed	15,000	Closed	15,000	Closed	15,000	Closed	15,000	Closed	15,000	Closed
TOTAL	408,600	438,300	466,800	457,300	482,330	500,120	551,680	523,290	531,630	517,600	524,870	539,400	564,600	525,600	598,600	692,400

Table Notes: All GHLs with the exception of **11-A/B/C, 15, and 16 are GHLs for spot shrimp. 11-A/B/C and 16 GHLS are combined spot and coonstripe shrimp and 15 is for coonstripe shrimp only.** Bolding for 2025/26 GHLs indicate a change from the 2024/2025 season.

¹ Sections 6-B/C/D GHL was expected harvest for a set 8-day opening.

² Sections 6-B/C/D and District 7 GHL may be adjusted in season.

³ GHLs were adjusted in season. District 6 base = 32,000 pounds for years 2012 through 2016, then increased to 42,900 starting in 2017. District 7 base = 63,700 pounds for 2012 through 2014, then increased to 74,300 starting in 2015.

⁴ Section 11-D (Seymour Canal) did not have a GHL assigned in the 2012/13 season due to experimentation with Spawner Index based management.

⁵ New regulatory area in 2018.

⁶ New regulatory area in 2022.

Table 2.–Shrimp pot fishery harvest in whole pounds by season for the Registration Area A shrimp pot fisheries, 2009/10 through 2024/25 seasons.

Fishing Area	2024/25	2023/24	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10
1	39,467	39,382	53,162	55,125	57,536	57,925	73,114	72,790	61,718	65,993	55,615	70,000	54,688	36,682	46,572
2	26,760	39,973	33,270	53,316	43,569	31,296	27,758	30,629	39,205	50,915	62,058	74,554	76,002	68,724	64,522
3-A	115,995	111,218	134,544	132,684	128,215	105,959	132,102	135,730	115,950	112,061	122,914	107,068	97,580	84,711	135,276
3-B/C	11,098	9,172	17,977	27,315	23,682	21,733	33,422	37,562	30,405	36,049	26,717	33,107	40,116	33,104	46,980
4	***	13,224	14,866	17,232	17,956	15,825	18,353	18,459	19,507	***	***	***	***	21,384	20,795
5	3,441	4,829	544	2,127	***	1,713	7,656	1,117	4,464	***	***	5,136	8,562	10,523	16,688
6-B/C/D	16,862	14,982	4,714	32,609	29,048	38,181	52,179	39,126	26,048	22,040	35,106	35,050	30,657	32,784	48,764
7	64,974	68,743	91,770	90,378	85,162	77,482	95,952	84,347	80,069	75,452	94,526	81,488	60,073	48,757	74,012
8-B/6-A	15,096	19,556	14,598	15,099	16,808	16,434	12,132	12,389	9,301	3,588	6,277	9,663	12,302	9,456	13,374
8-A/10-C	11,361	10,744	14,424	20,554	12,737	10,780	8,924	4,035	3,680	9,386	9,318	9,246	8,431	16,851	18,343
9	8,905	7,780	11,124	10,622	11,259	5,412	10,784	12,528	12,201	18,435	15,241	16,183	10,795	21,890	18,960
10-A/B	34,932	33,489	51,091	58,581	62,041	39,973	40,365	34,647	32,693	31,323	31,940	36,419	45,324	47,002	47,483
11-D	***	Closed	Closed	Closed	9,314	11,457	***	***	***	***	13,209	21,969	20,877	23,209	25,288
11-A/B/C	Closed	4,424	Closed	Closed	Closed	***	4,768	6,888	6,356	6,438	8,313	8,211	***	***	***
12-Ten	Closed	Closed	Closed	11,748	11,984	***	Closed	14,072	10,979						
12-Rem	1,478	Closed	5,686	Closed	10,282	Closed	Closed	Closed	5,100	Closed	Closed	Closed	8,335	8,952	***
13-A/B	14,734	15,014	14,457	18,989	15,802	12,696	20,623	18,968	13,454	17,297	16,300	13,769	14,590	13,650	9,446
13-C	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	13,383	14,182	12,693	26,970	26,096	24,919	23,033	28,493	38,109	31,851	25,223
14	Closed	6,065	Closed	8,474	Closed	5,541	Closed	6,806	Closed	Closed	Closed	8,773	Closed	Closed	Closed
15-East	***	***	5,358	3,812	3,700	3,882	4,282	5,486	7,502	10,091	8,111	7,386	8,836	7,031	6,589
15-Rem	***	***	***	8,228	9,829	4,060	1,248	***	***	4,570	6,263	8,382	5,372	***	3,004
16	Closed	***	Closed	Closed	Closed	***	Closed	***	Closed	14,719	Closed	***	Closed	15,050	Closed
Total	396,193	422,271	473,826	566,893	563,006	487,146	567,852	568,656	505,582	537,211	550,405	609,275	558,157	548,808	642,354
GHIL	438,300	466,800	457,300	482,330	500,120	551,680	523,290	531,630	517,600	524,870	539,400	564,600	525,600	598,600	692,400
% of GHIL	90%	90%	104%	118%	113%	88%	108%	105%	96%	100%	101%	104%	107%	93%	93%
Permits	92	101	99	109	101	106	106	108	95	104	109	106	110	108	108

Table notes: Confidential data is in bold italics. Harvest data shown is harvest of spot shrimp, except for 11-A/B/C, 15, and 16. Districts 11-A/B/C and 16 are combined harvest of spot and coonstripe shrimp and District 15 is harvest of coonstripe shrimp only.

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