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FISHERY NOTICE

CLOSURE
RECREATIONAL HARVEST
OF PRAWNS and SHRIMP

Pursuant to: Variation Order No. 2004-522

Recreational fishers are advised of the following regulatory changes:

Effective 00:01hrs Monday, November 22, 2004 until 00:01hrs Friday April 1, 2005, **the harvest of prawns and shrimp by trap, ring net or spear while diving will close** in the following areas:

- 1) Alberni Canal, north of a line from the light at Chup Point to Mutine Point on the opposite shore of Alberni Inlet
(Pacific Fishery Management Areas 23-1, 23-2, 23-3)

This action has been taken to allow remaining adult female prawns to complete their spawning cycle.

By order of: _____ R. Kehl, Fishery Officer

For further information please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, in Port Alberni at (250) 720-4440, or Byron Koke at (250) 339-2809, or Jim Morrison at (250) 756-7233

Report Violations by calling toll-free: **1-800-465-4336**



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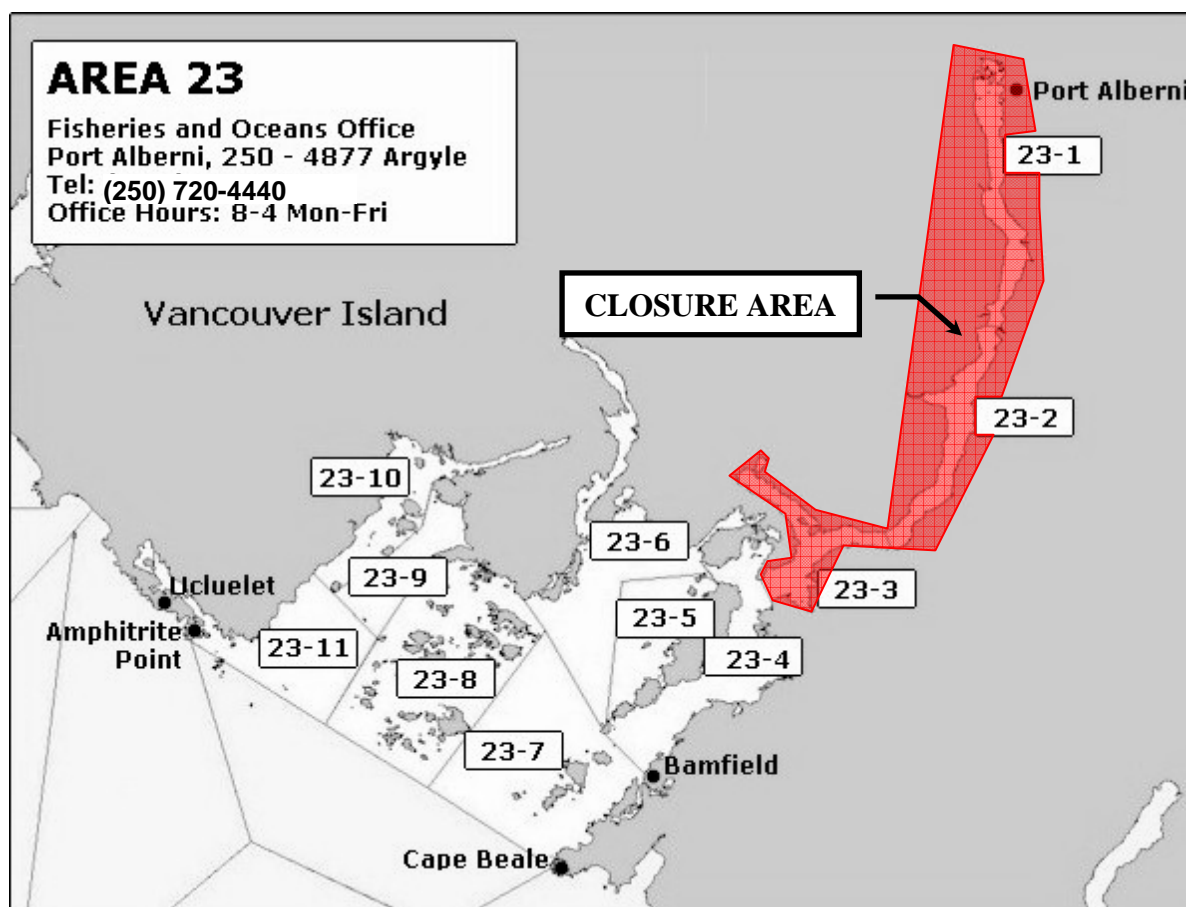
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Recreational prawn fishers are requested to release all prawns carrying eggs prior to the closure. Contact the local Fishery Office if you are unable to remove your gear by the closure date. Recreational fishing will recommence April 1 when the incubation period for most adult female prawns carrying eggs will be complete. Recreational fishers are requested to release prawns carrying eggs, when fishing resumes.



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