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FISHERY NOTICE

CLOSURE RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF PRAWNS and SHRIMP

Pursuant to Variation Order No. 2004-522

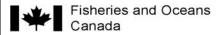
Recreational fishers are advised of the following regulatory changes:

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

1) The waters of Agamemnon Channel and Malaspina Strait bounded on the south by a line from Point Upwood on Texada Island to Epsom Point on North Thormanby Island to a marker on the most northerly point on Turnagain Island thence following a line true north to a point on the shore of the Sechelt Peninsula; bounded on the north by a line from Scotch Fir Point on the mainland westerly to the light on the northeast point on Texada Island; bounded on the east by a line from Scotch Fir Point on the mainland southeasterly to Alexander Point on Hardy Island, then following along the shoreline to the most easterly point on Hardy Island, then following a line true east to Nelson Island, then following the shoreline along Nelson Island to Nile Point on Nelson Island thence to a marker on the most northerly point of the Sechelt Peninsula. (Pacific Fishery Management Areas 16-2, 16-3, 16-4, 16-10, 16-16, 16-17 and 16-18).

This action has been taken to allow	w remaining adult female prawns to
complete their spawning cycle.	
By order of:	, Fishery Officer

For further information please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans,



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Canada, Byron Koke at (250) 339-2809, or Jim Morrison at (250) 756-7233

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

AREA 16

Fisheries and Oceans Box 10 12841 Madeira Park Road, Madeira Park B.C., V8A 5N6 Tel: (604) 883-2313 Office Hrs: 8:00-12:00 Mon-Fri 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.

