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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) The waters of Saanich Inlet south of a line from Hatch Point to Moses Point (Pacific Fishery Management Areas 19-7 to 19-12)

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

By order of: _____ L. G. Paike, Fishery Officer

For further information about the Saanich Inlet closure, please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada; Victoria (250) 363-3252 or Duncan (250) 746-6221.

For general information about the closures, contact Byron Koke at (250) 339-2809, or Jim Morrison at (250) 756-7233

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



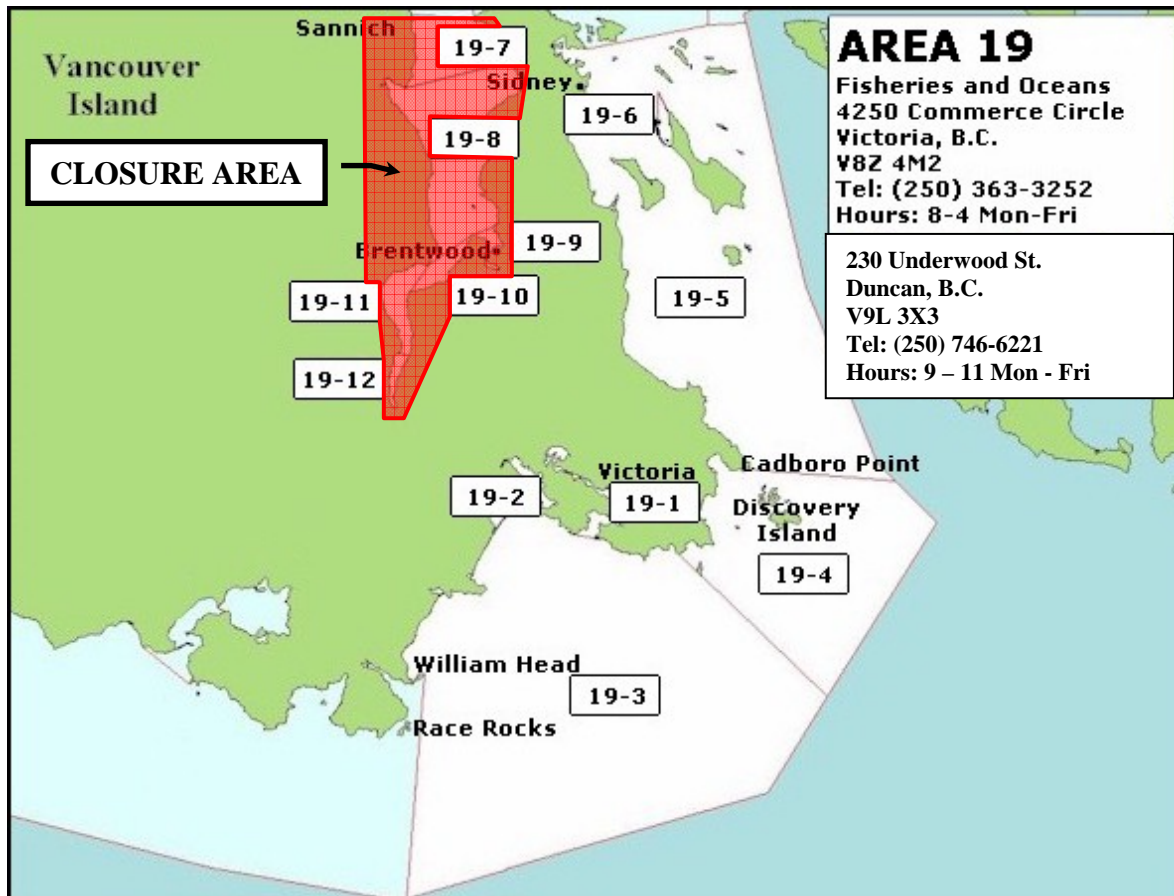
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Recreational prawn fishers are requested to release all prawns carrying eggs prior to the closure. Contact the local Fishery Office if you are unable to remove your gear by the closure date. Recreational fishing will recommence April 1 when the incubation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



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