### FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA

## 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 00:01hrs Friday, April 01, 2005, the harvest of prawns and shrimp by trap, ring net or spear while diving will close in the following areas:

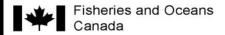
1) The waters of Stuart Channel and Ladysmith Harbour bounded on the north by a line from Yellow Point on Vancouver Island to Pilkey Point on Thetis Island, thence following the westerly shoreline of Thetis Island around Foster Point through Telegraph Harbour and along the westerly shoreline of Kuper Island to Josling Point, thence to Southey Point on Saltspring Island, thence following the westerly shorline of Saltspring Island to Erskine Point, thence to Grave Point on Vancouver Island, thence northerly along the shoreline to the point of commencement. (Pacific Fishery Management Areas 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, 17-9)

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

By order of:T. Fields, Fishery Office
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For further information please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, 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 female prawns carrying eggs will be complete. Recreational fishers are requested to release prawns carrying eggs, when fishing resumes.

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