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Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Open 12:00 hours, May 1, 2005 until further notice for all species of shrimp, including prawns, by trap gear, in the following areas:

1. Areas 11 to 17. (Note Special Management Area in Salmon and Sechelt Inlets: Subareas 16-5 to 16-8 where reduced trap and string limits apply.)
2. Area 18 except for Satellite Channel Ecological Reserve.
3. Area 19. (Note Special Management Area in Saanich Inlet ? Subareas 19-7 to 19-12. Reduced trap and string limits apply.)
4. Subareas 20-1 to 20-5. (Note Moorage buoy advisory on Constance Bank proposed location at 48 18.00 N and 123 22.50 W in 117 meters.)
5. Areas 21 to 27. (Note Special Management Area in Alberni Inlet ? Subareas 23-1 to 23-3. Reduced trap and string limits apply.)
6. Subareas 28-1 to 28-7, 28-9, 28-11 to 28-14 except for the Whytecliffe Park, Porteau Cove, and Point Atkinson Reef Closure areas. (Note Special Management Areas in Howe Sound and Indian Arm: Subareas 28-1 to 28-5 and 28-11 to 28-14. Reduced trap and string limits apply.)
7. Subareas 29-1 to 29-7, 29-9 and 29-10.
8. Areas 111, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, and 127.

Subareas are described in the Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations.

Variation Order Number 2005-217.

Notes:

This notice applies to South Coast and Fraser River Areas 11 to 29 and Offshore Areas 111, 121, and 123 to 127 inclusive. Please refer to the North and Central Coast for Areas 1 to 10, 101 to 110, 130, and 142.

On the first day of the fishery, May 1, 2005, fishers will be permitted to set their gear and haul and reset it once only, provided they do so by 19:00 hours.

Effective May 2, 2005 hauling of prawn and shrimp by trap gear, line and buoys is permitted only once per day as a Condition of Licence in all areas of the coast. This is referred to as single hauling.

In all areas, after opening day, all setting and hauling of prawn and shrimp traps will be permitted only between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours and hauling of traps will be permitted only once per day.

All in season area closures will be implemented at 19:00 hours unless otherwise announced.

Vessel masters are advised to carefully consider stability when loading their vessels and packing gear.

J.O.Thomas is the service company selected by industry to provide: trap tags, logbooks, hail in, and the in season charter vessel monitoring program. The hail in number is 1-866-930-4000.

There is a new logbook format for the 2005 season. Fishers are reminded that the Conditions of Licence require the string location and the haul time are to be recorded in the ?Time of Haul? column within ½ hour of hauling, and before the next string is hauled. Fishers are advised that the old logbooks can no longer be used.

The minimum size limit for prawns is 33 mm measured as carapace length. The minimum size for tailed prawns is 22 mm telson length.

Traps must be sorted and undersized prawns released as each trap comes on board.

All berried prawns must be released from opening day May 1 and until June 30, 2005.

Fishers may fish a total of 500 traps on 10 strings if they stack two licences on one vessel for the season, or 300 traps on six strings in regular coastal areas. These trap and string limits do not apply in the special management areas.

Trap and string limits are reduced in Special Management Areas in: Howe Sound and Indian Arm (Subareas 28-1 to 28-5 and 28-11 to 28-14); Alberni Inlet (Subareas 23-1 to 23-3); Salmon Sechelt Inlets (Subareas 16 -5 to 16-08); and Saanich Inlet (Subareas 19-7 to 19-12). Individual ?W? licenced vessels may fish 150 traps in three ground lines and those vessels with two ?W? licences (stacked) licences are permitted to fish 250 traps on five ground lines.

The Sooke Harbour and Basin Coonstripe shrimp fishery in Subareas 20-6 and 20-7 is expected to open 12:00 hours Nov 1, 2005. Fishers will be limited to 50 traps as a condition of licence. This opening will be confirmed by a fishery notice in late October.

For Licence holders with octopus retention privileges, additional closures for octopus are described in the Commercial Harvest Plan.

Fishers are reminded that Section 25(1) of the Fisheries Act prohibits all prefishery fishing efforts or the setting of any fishing gear or apparatus prior to the opening time at 12:00 hours May 1, 2005.

All frozen and fresh product on board must be in a condition that it can be readily measured and identified by species. Freezing of whole or tailed product in solid blocks or tubs of ice will require that the fisher provide randomly selected samples to be thawed for inspection by fishery officers.

Fishers are advised of a sponge reef advisory for the protection of sponges at the head of Saanich Inlet (cloud sponges) and the in Subarea 29-4 (sponge reefs).

Refer to 2005 Prawn and Shrimp by Trap Integrated Fishery Management Plan for the detailed fishing plan, closed area descriptions, Special Management Area restrictions, and contact numbers for further information or clarification.

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