FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA

FISHERY NOTICE <u>CLOSURE</u> <u>RECREATIONAL HARVEST</u> <u>OF PRAWNS and SHRIMP</u>

Pursuant to: Variation Order No. 2005-503.

Recreational fishers are advised of the following regulatory changes:

Effective 00:01 Monday, <u>November 28, 2005</u> until Friday, <u>March</u> <u>31, 2006</u>, <u>the harvest of prawns and shrimp</u> by trap, ring net or spear while diving <u>will CLOSE</u> in the following areas:

1) A portion of Barkley Sound, Subareas 23-4 and 23-5; commencing at Mutine Point to Chup Point, thence following the shoreline northeasterly to the entrance of Fatty Basin thence across the entrance to the most eastern point of Seddall Island; and bounded on the west by a line from the light at Pill Point to Crosse Point on Tzartus Island to the northerly tip of Link Island, thence in a westerly direction to the most northerly tip of Baeria Rocks, thence in a southerly direction to the most southwesterly tip of Sanford Island, thence in a southeasterly direction to a fishing boundary sign on the shore of Vancouver Island 065° true from the light on Aguilar Point, thence following the shoreline of Vancouver Island northeasterly to the point of commencement.

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 Randy Webb (250) 954-2675, Byron Koke (250) 339-2809 or Jim Morrison (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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