#### FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA

## FISHERY NOTICE

# CLOSURE RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF PRAWNS and SHRIMP

Pursuant to: Variation Order No. 2005-503.

Recreational fishers are advised of the following regulatory changes:

Effective 00:01 Monday, November 28, 2005 until 23:59 Friday, March 31, 2006, the harvest of prawns and shrimp by trap, ring net or spear while diving will CLOSE in the following areas:

- 1) Hoskyn Channel, Subarea 13-12; bounded on the south by a line true west from Dunsterville Point on Read Island to Quadra Island; bounded on the north by a line from Maynes Point on Read Island true west to Maurelle Island; a line from Walters Point on Sonora Island to Cooper Point on Quadra Island and a line from Springer Point on Sonora Island to Etta Point on Maurelle Island.
- 2) Sutil Channel, Subarea 13-16; bounded on the south by a line from Viner Point on Read Island to a marker on the north shore at the entrance to Whaletown Bay on Cortes Island; and bounded on the north by a line from a marker on the west shore at the entrance to Evans Bay on Read Island easterly to the southernmost tip of Penn Island, thence to a marker on the north shore at the entrance to Von Donop Inlet on Cortes Island.
- 3) Calm Channel, Subarea 13-18; bounded on the north by a line from Johnstone Bluff on the mainland to Harbott Point on Stuart Island, thence to Bassett Point on Sonora Island; bounded on the west by a line from Springer Point on Sonora Island to Etta Point on Maurelle Island; and bounded on the south by a line from a marker on Maurelle Island true east to Maynes Point on Read Island, thence to the northern tip of the middle of the three Rendezvous Islands, thence to the most westerly tip of Raza Point on Raza Island, thence true north to the mainland.

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

By order of:B. Kane	ester, Fishery Officer
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Report Violations by calling toll-free: 1-800-465-4336

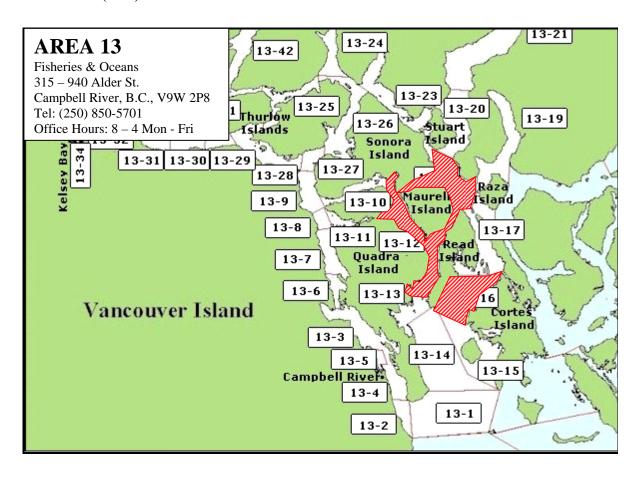




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For further information please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada, Todd Johansson at (250) 902-2683, Byron Koke (250) 339-2809, or Jim Morrison at (250) 756-7233.



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.

