

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) The entrance to Nanaimo Harbour, and the waters of Northumberland and Pylades Channels, Subareas 17-13, 17-15, 17-16 and 17-17; commencing at Horswell Bluff on Vancouver Island to Malaspina Point on Gabriola Island, thence southerly along the shore to a marker on the south shore near the entrance to Descanso Bay, thence easterly to a marker at Joseph Point on Gabriola Island, to Cordero Point on Valdes Island, thence following the shore westerly and southerly to Blackberry Point, thence to the southernmost point on Pylades Island, thence along the westerly shore to the northwesternmost point, thence to the southernmost point of Ruxton Island, thence along the western shore to the northernmost point, thence to the southernmost point on DeCourcy Island, thence along the westerly shore of DeCourcy Island to the northwesternmost point, thence to the southernmost point of Link Island, thence along the westerly shore to the northernmost point, thence to Reynolds Point on Vancouver Island, thence northwesterly along the shore to Jacks Point, thence northwesterly to Gallows Point on Protection Island, thence in a northwesterly direction along the western shore of Protection Island to the most western point, thence true north to Newcastle Island, thence northwesterly along the shore to Shaft Point, thence to Pimbury Point on Vancouver Island, thence northerly along the shore to the point of commencement.

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

By order of: _____ **Fishery Officer**

For further information about the Saanich Inlet closure, please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Nanaimo (250) 754-0230. For general information about the closures, contact Byron Koke (250) 339-2809, Randy Webb (250) 954-2675 or Jim Morrison (250) 756-7233.

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



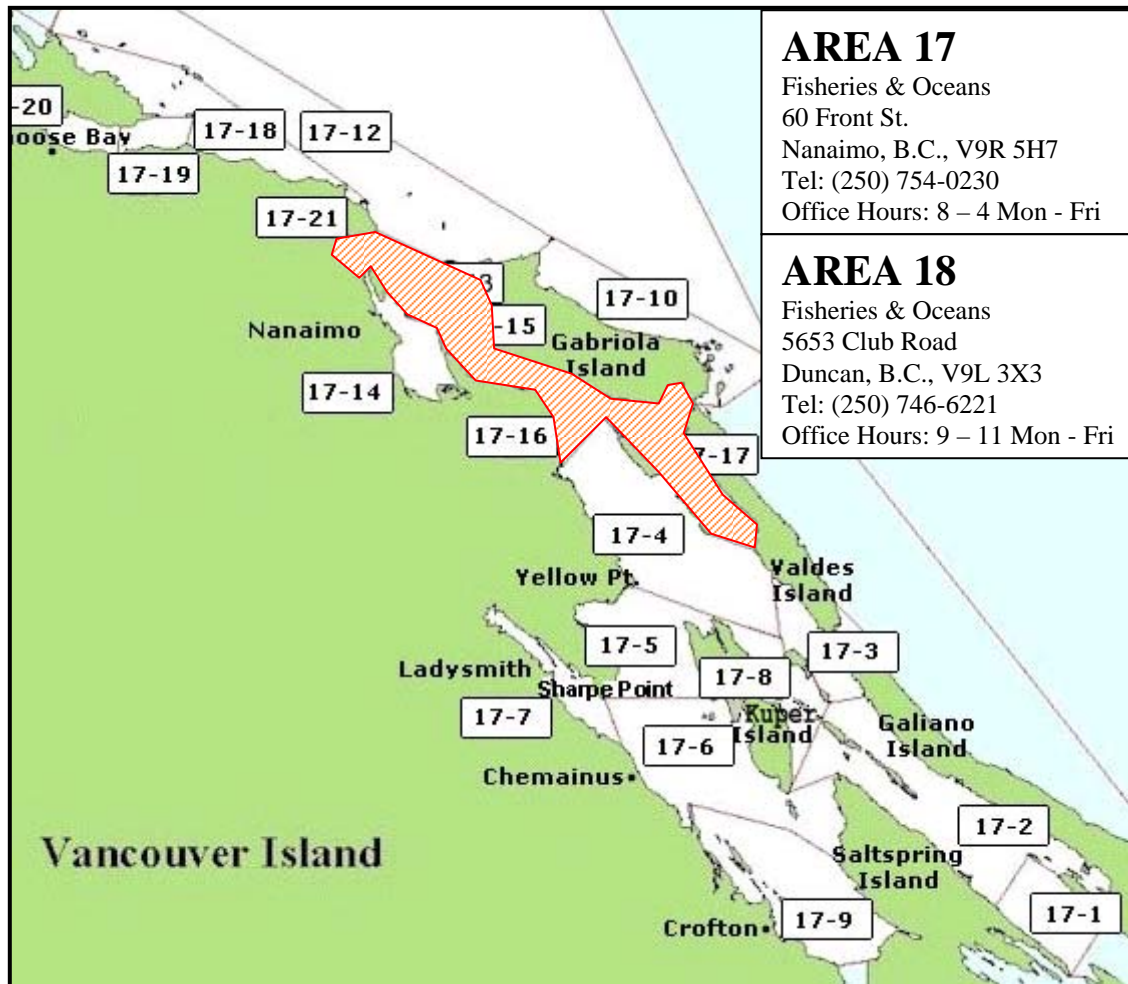
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Recreational prawn fishers are requested to release all prawns carrying eggs prior to the closure. Contact the local Fishery Office if you are unable to remove your gear by the closure date. Recreational fishing will recommence April 1 when the incubation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



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