

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) Southern Malaspina Strait, Subarea 16-1; commencing at Reception Pt. on Sechelt Peninsula, thence to the Merry Island light, thence to Point Young on Lasqueti Island thence to Point Upwood on Texada Island, thence to the light on Epsom Point on North Thormanby Island, thence to a marker on the most northerly point of Turnagain Island, thence true north to the Sechelt Peninsula, thence following the shoreline southerly to the point of commencement.
- 2) Agamemnon Channel and Pender Harbour to Nelson Island, Subareas 16-10 and 16-17; commencing at the most northerly point of the Sechelt Peninsula, thence following the shoreline southwesterly to Henry Point, thence true south to Francis Peninsula, thence following the westerly shoreline to the light on Francis Point, thence to the light on Cape Cockburn on Nelson Island, thence following the shoreline easterly then northerly to Nile Point, then easterly to the point of commencement on the Sechelt Peninsula.
- 3) Salmon Inlet and a portion of Sechelt Inlet, Subareas 16-5, the southern portion of 16-6 and 16-7; those waters south and east of a line from Kunechin Point true west to the Sechelt Peninsula.

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

By order of: _____, Fishery Officer

For further information please contact your local office of Fisheries and Oceans Canada at (604) 883-2313, 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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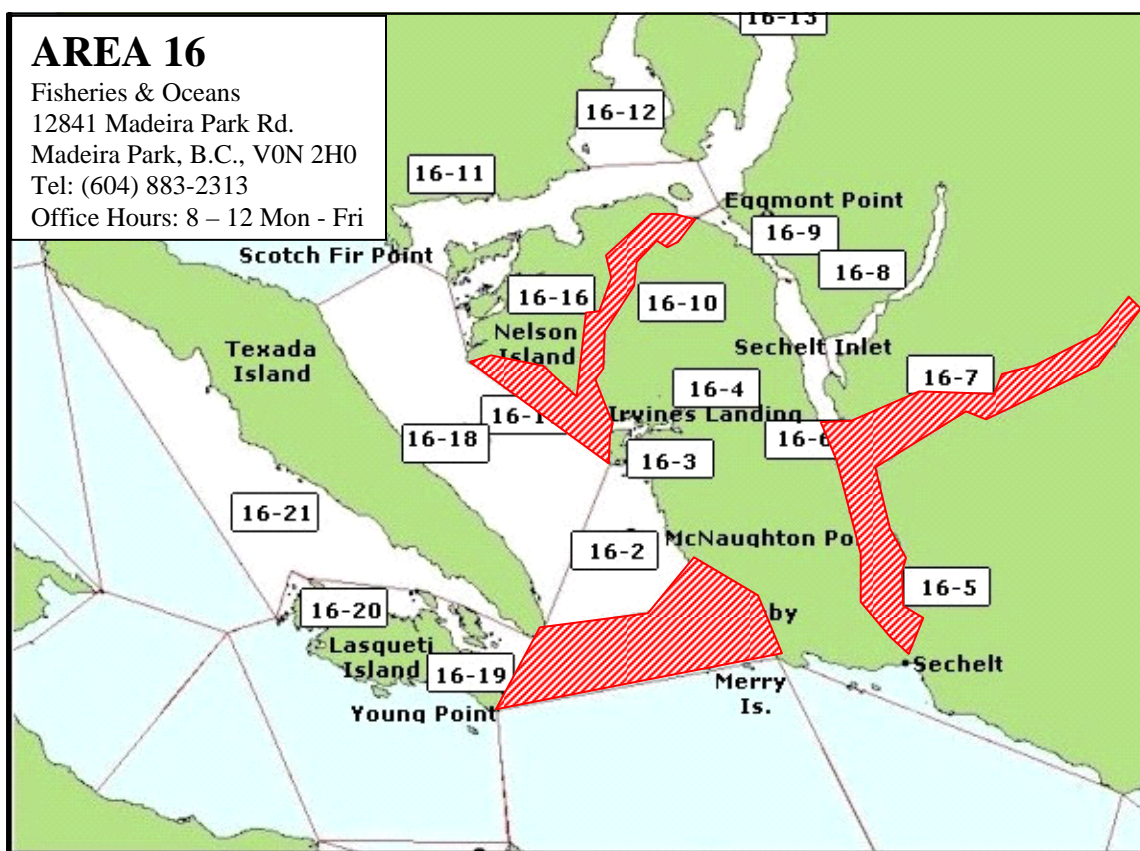
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Recreational prawn fishers are requested to release all prawns carrying eggs prior to the closure. Contact the local Fishery Office if you are unable to remove your gear by the closure date. Recreational fishing will recommence April 1 when the incubation 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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