



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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March 12, 2015

Dear Washington Pink Shrimp Trawl License Holder:

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding key issues for the Washington shrimp trawl fishery in 2015. Enclosed is a summary of Washington landings updated to include 2014 data. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) annual pink shrimp newsletter is also provided.

There will be only one rule change in place at the start of the 2015 season. This rule will prohibit the at-sea processing of pink shrimp.

During the course of the 2014 pink shrimp season, it came to WDFW's attention that one vessel was freezing their catch at sea. This practice could inhibit the enforcement of the count-per-pound regulation explicitly laid out in permanent rules. Since this specific operation was already underway, we decided to allow the freezing at sea via a modification of the pink shrimp permit for this one vessel.

However, we have now made the decision to prohibit this practice for all vessels, starting with the 2015 season. An emergency rule will be in place by April 1, 2015 making it unlawful to violate the provisions below:

- (1) Fail to deliver ocean pink shrimp landings to a processing facility located on shore;
- (2) Process ocean pink shrimp at-sea;
- (3) Freeze ocean pink shrimp at-sea; or
- (4) Transfer pink shrimp catch from one fishing vessel to another.

The permanent rule change is currently in progress through the Fish and Wildlife Commission rule adoption process. Additional information will be coming with details of the proposed rule change and opportunities to provide input either in writing or in oral testimony before the Commission.

We want to make you aware that the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is in the process of conducting an expedited assessment of the California and Washington pink shrimp fisheries. This evaluation is part of a "scope extension" of the currently certified Oregon pink shrimp fishery, in recognition of the commonalties with the Oregon fishery. As part of this process, WDFW staff members (Lorna Wargo and Dan Ayres) met very recently with the consultant hired to assess the California and Washington fisheries. We will keep you informed as this process moves forward.

Finally, we want to thank all of you who have responded so well to the requirement that Washington-licensed shrimp trawl fishers are required to maintain a logbook for all for all fishing

that occurs off shore Washington and landed into Washington. We do want to remind you that this is requirement of your ocean shrimp trawl fishery permit; failure to comply can result in citations or revocation of the fishing permit. Either a Washington or Oregon logbook form is acceptable. We also want to remind you that your logbooks are due on a monthly basis, so your timely submissions are important.

You can obtain a Washington Pink Shrimp Logbook by contacting our Montesano office at 360-249-4628. For your convenience, logbooks can also be obtained from Maureen Gilbert at Jessie's in Ilwaco and Cathy at Washington Crab in Westport.

Sincerely,



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Washington Ocean Pink Shrimp Catch Data
2014 ODFW Annual Pink Shrimp Review

Washington Ocean Pink Shrimp

Annual Landings by Marine Fish / Shellfish Catch Area Code

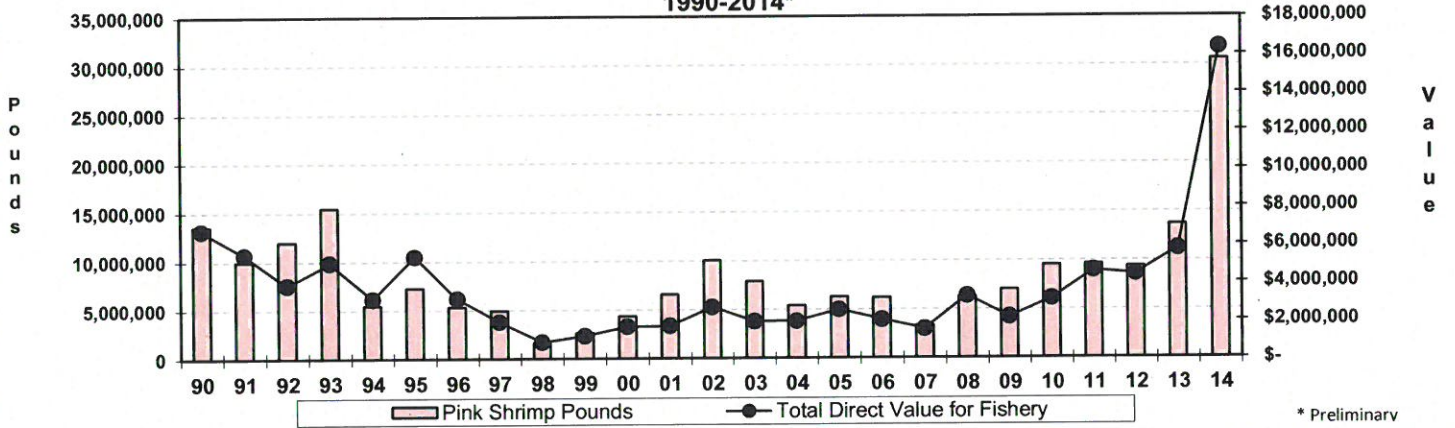
Year	58B	59A	59A1	59A2	60A	60A1	60A2	61	Total
1990	28,641	302,716			12,427,304			786,936	13,545,597
1991	328,468	1,132,820			7,974,766			507,328	9,943,382
1992	252,943	174,749			9,500,813			2,044,883	11,973,388
1993	1,243,050	1,784,576			11,872,539			555,558	15,455,723
1994		425,251			4,760,229			276,978	5,462,458
1995	48,064	1,419,335			5,684,903			106,157	7,258,459
1996		1,391,465			3,885,385			37,900	5,314,750
1997	28,186	171,307			4,608,731			148,173	4,956,397
1998	86,105		174	8,216		409,957	585,529	547,951	1,637,932
1999			46,540			503,395	996,828	1,099,256	2,646,019
2000						2,671,533	1,160,292	521,083	4,352,908
2001	34,306		349,936			4,619,290	1,075,507	511,305	6,590,344
2002			19,312	186,820		7,608,073	695,342	1,538,663	10,048,210
2003			102,283	141,350		5,569,799	515,258	1,565,112	7,893,802
2004			57,820	175,088		2,501,330	637,285	2,008,764	5,380,287
2005			233,440	233,896		2,982,386	770,862	2,044,471	6,265,055
2006	48,073		909,028	818,339		2,361,239	555,654	1,490,308	6,182,641
2007	102,628		440,436	149,153		1,298,449	108,627	1,245,947	3,345,240
2008			914,602	183,885		3,527,792	639,115	1,002,600	6,267,994
2009			117,031	342,825		3,911,381	167,510	2,471,839	7,010,586
2010				69,170		4,146,637	362,361	4,891,905	9,470,073
2011			2,515,218	1,740,119		2,534,754	1,108,218	1,672,655	9,570,964
2012			91,432	960,723		5,341,628	725,157	2,227,243	9,346,183
2013			294,365	196,116		10,357,454	1,456,350	1,324,986	13,629,271
2014			5,763,058	9,202,790		12,524,236	2,886,714	214,777	30,591,575

Annual Landings by Month

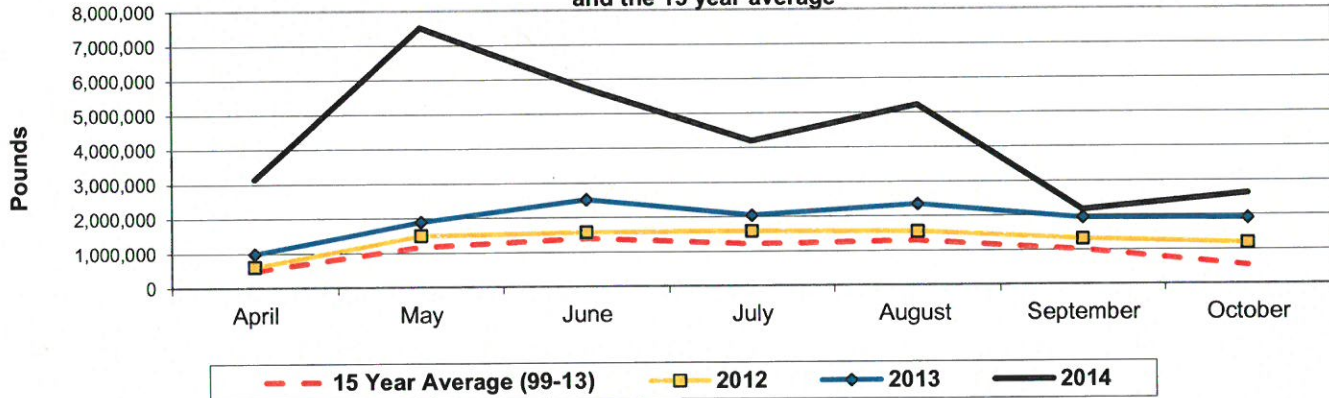
Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November**	Total
1990	1,145,732	3,014,017	3,095,241	2,962,134	1,819,347	1,251,863	257,263		13,545,597
1991	1,111,842	1,245,240	1,553,606	1,074,039	2,409,264	1,219,723	1,244,553	85,115	9,943,382
1992	1,880,430	729,048	1,534,000	2,124,590	1,901,198	1,961,599	1,842,523		11,973,388
1993	2,879,016	4,691,648	4,339,014	1,397,777	1,322,177	519,489	306,602		15,455,723
1994	627,439	788,394	862,003	1,252,081	1,333,002	355,609	243,930		5,462,458
1995	587,168	1,448,668	1,516,247	1,004,354	1,217,112	1,226,593	241,725	16,592	7,258,459
1996	277,724	719,178	880,047	887,284	1,000,028	1,105,926	444,563		5,314,750
1997	280,599	1,139,541	887,297	922,964	937,249	685,726	103,021		4,956,397
1998	210,762	551,637	266,399	284,630	256,430	68,074			1,637,932
1999	169,436	506,410	605,533	468,097	352,204	293,177	251,162		2,646,019
2000	40,384	275,814	1,447,889	1,058,385	681,044	651,333	198,059		4,352,908
2001	1,307,752	1,249,542	1,465,419	865,359	919,403	486,567	296,302		6,590,344
2002	604,441	1,273,203	1,822,342	1,662,659	2,245,624	1,242,122	1,197,819		10,048,210
2003	208,208	1,118,329	1,084,711	1,619,314	1,844,736	1,487,658	530,846		7,893,802
2004	1,118,762	1,578,294	906,721	713,399	446,162	453,985	162,964		5,380,287
2005	344,363	853,423	955,283	1,075,122	1,305,030	1,406,580	325,254		6,265,055
2006	1,104,844	1,856,060	1,327,280	637,969	626,292	393,501	236,695		6,182,641
2007	49,777	312,309	547,097	695,956	967,661	750,755	21,685		3,345,240
2008	110,233	1,342,373	1,787,065	1,547,481	859,714	490,993	130,135		6,267,994
2009	252,096	1,002,120	1,339,656	1,123,879	1,283,356	1,537,925	471,554		7,010,586
2010	413,382	1,334,745	1,706,792	1,350,675	2,243,395	1,644,360	776,724		9,470,073
2011	214,513	1,494,905	2,030,941	1,924,799	1,726,129	1,212,402	967,275		9,570,964
2012	611,375	1,495,587	1,576,243	1,586,747	1,558,745	1,323,983	1,193,503		9,346,183
2013	986,804	1,892,728	2,517,337	2,044,132	2,345,606	1,932,627	1,715,752	194,285	13,629,271
2014	3,138,253	7,514,307	5,745,802	4,193,406	5,217,895	2,159,907	2,373,680	248,325	30,591,575

** 2013 and 2014 Catch offloaded in November; catch from October

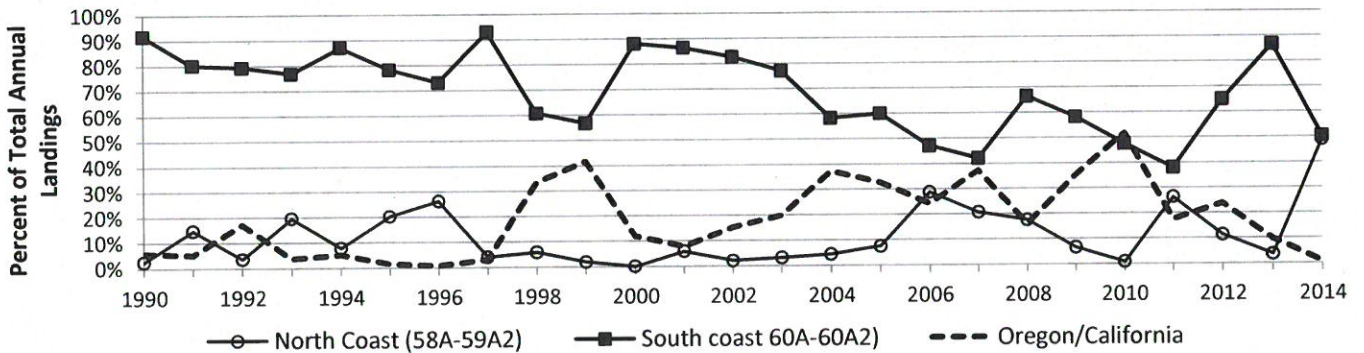
Washington Ocean Pink Shrimp (*Pandalus jordani*)
 Fishery Landings and Total Direct Value
 1990-2014*



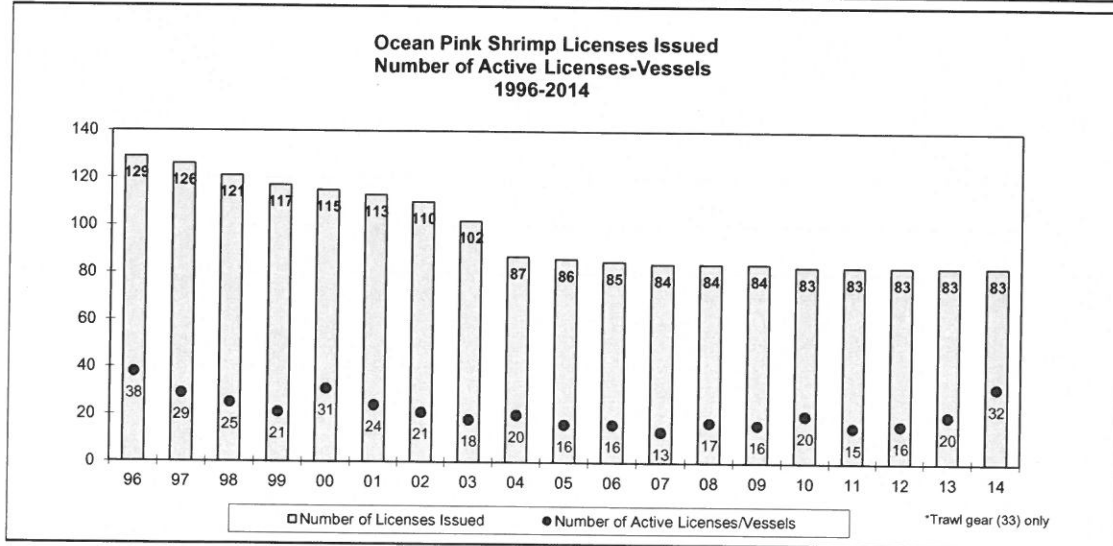
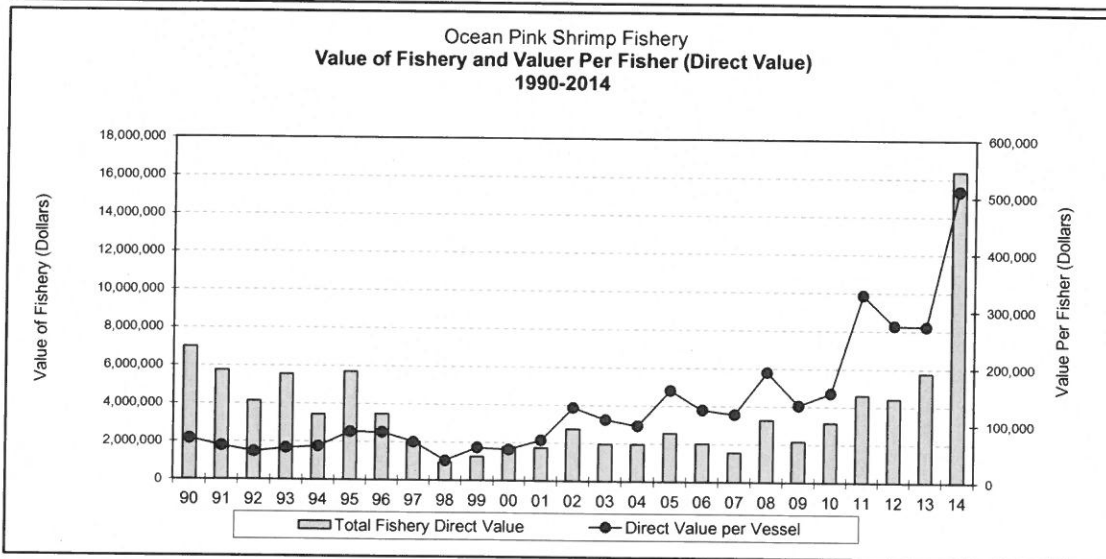
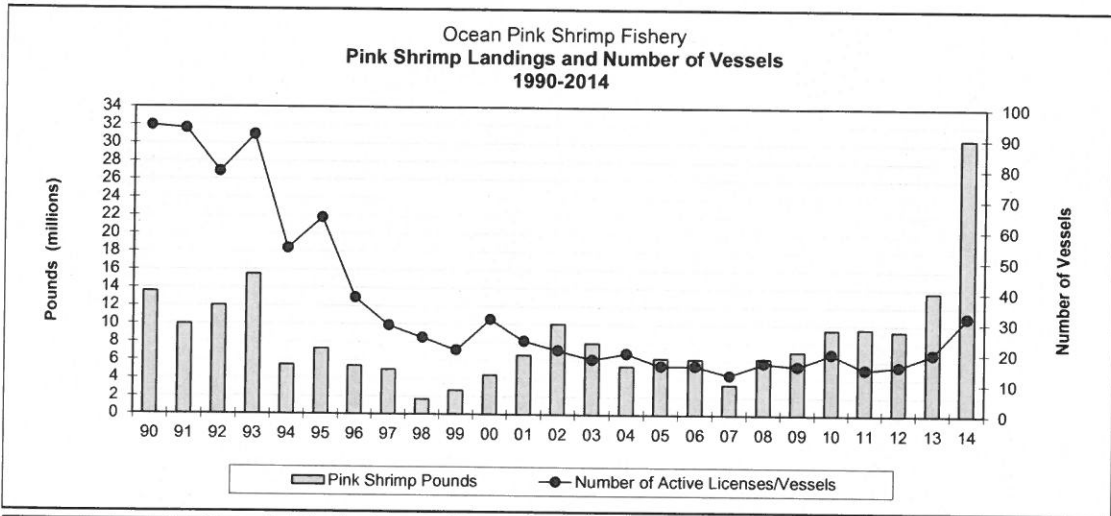
Washington Pink Shrimp Landings by Month
 for 2012, 2013, 2014
 and the 15 year average



WA Catch by Combined WDFW MFSF Fish Ticket Areas
 WA North and South, and OR/CA



Summary of the Washington Ocean Pink Shrimp (*Pandalus jordani*) Fishery



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Year	Metric tons	Average Ex-Vessel Price Per Pound	
		Year	Average Price (weighted)
1990	6,144	2002	\$0.27
1991	4,510	2003	\$0.25
1992	5,431	2004	\$0.36
1993	7,011	2005	\$0.41
1994	2,478	2006	\$0.33
1995	3,292	2007	\$0.46
1996	2,411	2008	\$0.53
1997	2,248	2009	\$0.31
1998	743	2010	\$0.33
1999	1,200	2011	\$0.48
2000	1,978	2012	\$0.47
2001	2,989	2013	\$0.42
2002	4,558	2014	\$0.53
2003	3,581		
2004	2,440		
2005	2,842		
2006	2,804		
2007	1,517		
2008	2,843		
2009	3,180		
2010	4,296		
2011	4,341		
2012	4,239		
2013	6,183		
2014	13,876		