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OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SALT WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA INCLUDING ALL INSHORE AND OFFSHORE WATERS SEAWARD TO THE THREE MILE STATE TERRITORIAL LIMIT FROM THE VICINITY OF THE SAVANNAH RIVER NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL SOUTH TO THE GEORGIA-FLORIDA BOUNDARY WILL CLOSE TO COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FOOD SHRIMP HARVEST EFFECTIVE 6:00 P.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2022.

THIS ACTION INCLUDES ALL GEAR TYPES USED TO HARVEST FOOD SHRIMP INCLUDING TRAWLS, CAST NETS, SEINES AND OTHER GEAR TYPES.

THIS ACTION IS TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTIONS 27-4-130, 27-4-132, AND 27-4-133.

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Summary of Results for White Shrimp, December 2022 Assessment - R/V Reid W. Harris.

	SECTOR	Long-term Data (2002 - 2022)	2022 Data	Difference (%)
CPUE	CREEKS	4.2	2.2	-48.7
	SOUNDS	4.8	3.2	-33.3
	BEACHES	0.9	0.7	-18.5
	ALL SECTORS	3.3	2.0	-38.7

Female Advanced Gonad Stage (%)	CREEKS	0.0	0.0	0.0
	SOUNDS	0.0	0.0	0.0
	BEACHES	0.0	0.0	0.0
	ALL SECTORS	0.0	0.0	0.0

Count Size* (Heads On)	CREEKS	50.7	49.9	-1.6
	SOUNDS	38.4	37.8	-1.6
	BEACHES	30.2	22.9	-24.2
	ALL SECTORS	42.9	40.3	-6.1

*Negative count size differences indicate larger sized shrimp.

Water Temperature (°C)	CREEKS	15.5	16.6	7.1
	SOUNDS	15.7	16.7	6.1
	BEACHES	15.5	16.8	7.9
	ALL SECTORS	15.6	16.8	7.1

Salinity	CREEKS	27.5	29.3	6.5
	SOUNDS	29.1	31.6	8.4
	BEACHES	31.0	33.2	6.9
	ALL SECTORS	29.2	31.3	7.3

Commercial Food Shrimp Trawling Seasons by Area			
State Territorial Waters (0 - 3 nm)			Sounds
License Year	Opening Date	Closing Date	Opened
1994-95	6/20/1994	7/23-8/31/94 (portion)	N/A
		01/16/95 (portion)	
		02/13/95 (coastwide)	
1995-96	6/1/1995	08/01/95 (portion)	N/A
		12/31/95 (portion)	
		01/10/96 (coastwide)	
1996-97	6/24/1996	01/22/97 (coastwide)	N/A
1997-98	6/12/1997	01/24/98 (coastwide)	N/A
1998-99	5/26/1998	02/04/99 (coastwide)	N/A
1999-2000	5/26/1999	02/01/00 (coastwide)	N/A
2000-01	5/24/2000	12/31/00 (coastwide)	N/A
2001-02	6/25/2001	01/11/02 (portion)	N/A
		2/22/02 (coastwide)	
2002-03	6/12/2002	1/18/2003	N/A
2003-04	6/10/2003	1/24/2004	N/A
2004-05	6/15/2004	01/28/05	N/A
2005-06	6/15/2005	2/28/2006	N/A
2006-07	6/6/2006	01/15/07	N/A
2007-08	6/5/2007	1/31/2008	N/A
2008-09	6/10/2008	1/15/2009	N/A
2009-10	6/2/2009	1/18/2010	N/A
2010-11	6/8/2010	1/10/2011	N/A
2011-12	6/22/2011	1/25/2012	N/A
2012-13	5/30/2012	12/31/2012	N/A
2013-14	6/13/2013	12/31/2013	N/A
2014-15	6/10/2014	1/15/2015	N/A
2015-16	6/16/2015	12/31/2015	N/A
2016-17	6/1/2016	12/31/2016	N/A
2017-18	6/1/2017	1/15/2018	N/A
2018-19	6/19/2018	12/31/2018	N/A
2019-2020	5/29/2019	1/15/2020	N/A
2020-2021	6/10/2020	1/31/2021	N/A
2021-2022	6/8/2021	12/31/2021	N/A

Crab / Whelk Trawling Seasons	
State Territorial Waters (0 - 3 nm)	
Opening Date	Closing Date
1/1/1995	4/30/1995
1/1/1996	4/30/1996
1/1/1997	4/19/1997
1/1/1998	4/30/1998
1/1/1999	4/30/1999
12/20/1999	4/7/2000
12/21/2000	4/27/2001
12/26/01 Whelk only	4/26/2002
01/29/03 ¹	4/25/2003
01/01/04 ¹	4/30/2004
02/07/05 ¹	4/30/2005
03/01/2006 ⁶	4/30/2006
1/17/2007 ⁷	3/30/2007
2/22/2008 ⁸	3/31/2008
1/20/2009 ⁸	3/31/2009
2/10/2010 ⁸	3/31/2010
2/7/2011 ⁸	3/31/2011
1/27/2012 ⁸	3/31/2012
12/26/2012 ⁸	3/31/2013
1/27/2014 ⁸	3/31/2014
2/4/2015 ⁸	3/31/2015
1/1/2016 ⁸	3/31/2016
1/1/2017 ⁸	3/31/2017
1/26/2018 ⁸	3/31/2018
2/8/2019 ⁸	3/31/2019
1/16/2020	3/31/2020
1/1/2021	3/31/2021
N/A	N/A

*Whelk trawling was allowed only through experimental contract between trawler captains a **EEZ closed Apr 3 - Jun 1, 1990

¹North of the Hampton River closed ²South of the Hampton River closed.

³Altamaha Channel closed (Jul 23 - Aug 31, 1994) due to flooding from tropical storm "Alberto", re-opened Sep 1

⁴Altamaha Channel closed Jan 16, 1995 - small shrimp ⁵Altamaha Channel closed Aug 1995, re-opened Sep 1 and closed Dec 31

⁶Altamaha Channel closed Jan 11, 2002 - small shrimp ⁷Whelk opening only - low abundance ⁸Whelk opening only