

Mexico announced closed shrimp fishing season in natural resources for 2019



On 12 April 2019, the Mexican National Commission for Aquaculture and Fisheries (CONAPESCA) announced the 2019 calendar of closed season for shrimp fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, which covers the areas of the states of Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Campeche, Tabasco, and Yucatan. The determination of the period is based on the technical scientific data that the National Fisheries Institute (INAPESCA) has studied according to the sustainable fishery standards. The details are as follows:

1. Shrimp fishing in marine water prohibited from 0:00 am on 1 May 2019 until 0:00 am on 15 August 2019, or until further notice by INAPESCA, in the areas from the US border, Tamaulipas, to the mouth of the river Coatzacoalcos in the state of Veracruz.

2. Shrimp fishing in the coastal areas in front of Campeche and Tabasco states prohibited from 0:00 am on 15 June 2019 until 0:00 am on 31 October 2019.

3. Atlantic seabob shrimp fishing in the coastal areas in front of Campeche and Tabasco states prohibited from 0:00 am on 1 May 2019 until 0:00 am on 30 September 2019.

4. Shrimp fishing in the area of Contoy Islands prohibited from 0:00 am on 15 June 2019 until 0:00 am on 31 October 2019.

5. Shrimp fishing in the lagoon-estuarine system of the Gulf of Mexico, from the US border, Tamaulipas, to the mouth of the river Coatzacoalcos in the state of Veracruz, prohibited from 0:00 am on 28 May 2019 until 0:00 am on 12 July 2019.

6. Shrimp fishing in the lagoon-estuarine system of Tabasco state prohibited from 0:00 am on 1 May 2019 until 0:00 am on 30 September 2019.

Previously, on 1 March 2019, the Mexican National Commission for Aquaculture and Fisheries (CONAPESCA) had also announced the temporary ban on fishing of all species of shrimp in the Pacific coast areas, including in natural water sources such as lakes, estuaries, swamps, and bays. The ban has started since 15 March 2019, due to the breeding and growing period of shrimp.

The announcement of the temporary closed season for shrimp fishing in both coasts of Mexico is the result of the study project on fishery season of 2018-2019, which suggests that the determination of closed season for aquatic species fishing will protect the shrimp population during their mating and growth period. In order to assure the sufficient amount of breeders to reproduce shrimps in the next season.

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