SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 30, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2019:

Blanquizal Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 18,000 pounds of whole geoduck;

Palisades Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-006): will be open for a remaining harvest of 104,000 pounds of whole geoduck.

Fishermen are reminded that in accordance with 5 AAC 38.142(n) a CFEC permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of geoduck, measured whole and unshucked, during any weekly fishing period.

All geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester’s name, and the location of harvest. Geoduck logbooks are required to be completed daily and before leaving the harvest site. Logbooks must be submitted to the Department within seven days of a commercial landing.

All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, February 1, 2019.

The Ketchikan fishery information hotline is currently out of service.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0819.