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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, **with a 600 pound weekly harvest limit, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 2019:**

Lower Cordova Bay (Subdistricts 102-10, 103-11, 103-21): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 18,800 pounds of whole geoduck;

Northwest Dall Island (Subdistricts 104-20-003, 104-30-003): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 20,200 pounds of whole geoduck.

Additional PSP results are expected late Tuesday, February 5. Dependent on those results the weekly harvest limit of 600 pounds may be lifted for these two areas. The 1,000 pound total weekly harvest limit for all areas will remain in place.

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 8, 2019.**

The Ketchikan fishery information hotline remains out of service.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1019.

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