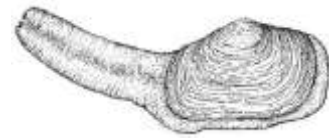

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **with a 500 pound area specific harvest limit from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 22, 2019:**

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.

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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;

Ulitka Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-001): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 11,500 pounds of whole geoduck.

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 22, 2019.**

During this weekly period a geoduck harvester may not harvest, possess, or land more than 500 pounds of geoduck from Northwest Dall Island. Any harvest over this limit must be landed to the processor, recorded on a fish ticket, and surrendered to the state. Harvest over the 500 pound limit may not be retained as personal use.

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.

The Ketchikan fishery information hotline remains out of service.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1319.

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