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 900-pound area specific harvest limit from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 27, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2019:

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 30,000 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 geoducks must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, March 1, 2019.

During this weekly period, a geoduck harvester may not harvest, possess, or land more than 900 pounds of whole geoduck. Any harvest over this limit must be landed to the processor, recorded on a fish ticket, and surrendered to the state. Harvest over the 900-pound limit may not be retained as personal use.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1419.