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**2019/20 Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula District
Red Sea Cucumber Guideline Harvest Levels**

The 2019/20 red sea cucumber season opens by regulation September 15, 2019 in the Chignik District and October 1, 2019 in all other districts of Registration Area J. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will open weekly fishing periods by emergency order which will be announced in subsequent news releases.

Prior to any commercial diving, each diver is required to obtain a current sea cucumber dive gear interim-use permit card from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a valid diver registration or commissioner permit from ADF&G. Participation in the Kodiak District fishery requires a different CFEC interim-use permit card (Q11K) than is required in other Registration Area J districts (Q11B). All divers are required to submit completed logbooks to ADF&G after each fishing period. Registration forms, commissioner permits, and logbooks are available from the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

Red sea cucumber guideline harvest levels (GHLs) for the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula districts are based on historical harvest and fishery performance data. ADF&G will assess distribution of effort and fishery performance throughout the 2019/20 season. Poor fishery performance may result in district or section closures prior to achieving the full GHL.

Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula district GHLS for the 2019/20 season are expressed as the weight of eviscerated product and are as follows:

District/Section	Sea cucumber GHL (eviscerated pounds)
Kodiak	
Northeast Section	5,000
Eastside Section	40,000
Southeast Section	30,000
Southwest Section	20,000
Westside Section	20,000
North Mainland Section	5,000
South Mainland Section	5,000
Semidi Island Section	5,000
Total Kodiak	130,000
Chignik	15,000
South Peninsula	
Eastern Section	10,000
Western Section	10,000
Total South Peninsula	20,000

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