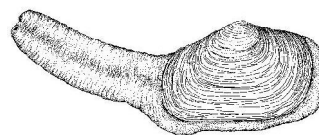

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

All areas failed paralytic shellfish poison testing this week. **Therefore there will be no Southeast Alaska geoduck clam fishery in Statistical Week 12 (March 18-24).**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation paralytic shellfish poison test results were:

Percy Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-002) tested at 120 μ g/100g;
Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003) tested at 255 μ g/100g;
Southern Gravina Island (Subdistrict 101-29-005) tested at 482 μ g/100g.

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