



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **with a 700-pound area specific harvest limit from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020:**

Slate Island (Subdistrict 101-23-004): will open for a remaining harvest of 7,000 pounds of geoduck with the following restriction:

Slate Island mariculture site: approximately 0.14 nautical miles north of the middle Slate Island will be closed to the harvest of geoduck clams in those waters bounded by the coordinates 55°06.11' N lat, 131°03.48' W long, 55°06.07' N lat, 131°03.37' W long, 55°06.00' N lat, 131°03.56' W long and 55°06.06' N lat, 131°03.67' W long;

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will open for a remaining harvest of 13,000 pounds of geoduck.

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Foggy Bay (Subdistrict 101-23-001): will open for a guideline harvest level of 25,800 pounds of geoduck;

East San Fernando Island (Subdistrict 103-60-001): will open for a guideline harvest level of 39,600 pounds of geoduck;

Blanquial Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will open for a guideline harvest level of 8,400 pounds of geoduck;

Saint Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will open for a guideline harvest level of 95,000 pounds of geoduck.

Fishermen are reminded that unless otherwise specified, regulations regarding the geoduck fishery are stated in 5 AAC 38.142: Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery announcement dated September 21, 2020, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels. All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 16, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

State offices will be closed on Monday, October 19, in observation of Alaska Day.

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