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**2020/21 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2020/21 sea cucumber season:

District 11:

Seymour Canal (Subdistricts 111-11 and 14).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2020:**

District 1:

Revillagigedo Channel, Thorne Arm, and East Behm Canal (Subdistricts 101-41, 43, and 53);

West Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-85);

District 2:

Thorne Bay and Kasaan Peninsula (Subdistrict 102-70);

District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-10);

District 13:

Peril Strait (Subdistricts 113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2020:**

District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, and from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2020:**

District 7:

Northern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-20);

District 8:

Stikine Strait and Chichagof Passage (Subdistricts 108-10, 20, and 40).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 17, 2020:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

District 2:

Moir Sound (Subdistrict 102-30);

District 3:

Eastern shore of Dall Island and Soda Bay (Subdistrict 103-40);

District 7:

Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage (Subdistricts 107-40 and 45);

District 8:

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30);

District 12:

Northern Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-16, 17, 63, and 65);

District 13:

Baranof Island Shoreline, Necker and Rakof islands, West Crawfish Inlet, and Crawfish Inlet (Subdistricts 113-31, 32, and 33);

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41);

District 14:

Excursion Inlet and Homeshore (Subdistricts 114-25-002 and 114-80).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 31, 2020, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, November 19, 2020.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3920.

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/>.

ADF&G offices remain open but will be minimally staffed through the end of November as many staff will be working from home at direction from Governor Dunleavy and Commissioner Vincent-Lang to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The most efficient way to communicate with department staff will be through email. A list of contacts and contact information is provided below. If you need to conduct business in person at an ADF&G office, face coverings and strict social distancing is required.

Fishery Contacts

For information on surveys, biomass estimates, and corresponding GHGs contact:

Juneau

Contacts: Quinn Smith (quinn.smith@alaska.gov) or Kyle Hebert (kyle.hebert@alaska.gov)

For information on management of the sea cucumber fisheries contact:

Ketchikan

Districts 1–3

Contacts: Whitney Crittenden (whitney.crittenden@alaska.gov), Bo Meredith (bo.meredith@alaska.gov), or Justin Breese (justin.breese@alaska.gov)

Petersburg

Districts 6–8

Contacts: Katie Taylor (kathryn.taylor@alaska.gov) or Paul Salomone (paul.salomone@alaska.gov)

Sitka

Districts 9 and 13

Contacts: Jason Jones (jason.jones@alaska.gov) or Aaron Dupuis (aaron.dupuis@alaska.gov)

Juneau

Districts 11, 12, and 14

Contacts: Scott Forbes (scott.forbes@alaska.gov) or Dave Harris (david.harris@alaska.gov)

In addition, a complete list of commercial fishery contacts for Southeast Alaska can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.contacts>

2020/21 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery

Statistical Week 46

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	58,700	54,468	CLOSED
Boca De Quadra	101-30	57,000	***	***
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm, East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	90,400	***	***
West Behm Canal	101-85	42,800	***	***
Moir Sound	102-30	156,800	89,792	67,008
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	67,600	***	***
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	140,000	24,630	115,370
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	80,400	***	***
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	136,000	111,725	24,275
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	101,800	98,270	CLOSED
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	22,100	***	***
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	30,800	***	***
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	17,400	***	***
Southeast Baranof	109-10	28,200	15,809	12,391
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	257,600	285,402	CLOSED
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	60,800	38,750	22,050
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	91,300	2,615	88,685
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	36,200	***	***
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	231,300	219,387	11,913
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	38,100	***	***
Totals		1,745,300	1,233,056	512,244

*** Confidential data

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