

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Sam Rabung, Director

Kodiak Office
351 Research Court
Kodiak, Alaska 99615



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release:

Contact:

Nathaniel Nichols, Area Management Biologist
Cassandra Whiteside, Asst. Area Management Biologist

November 14, 2020

(907) 486-1840

Kodiak District Red Sea Cucumber Fishing Period #1

Emergency Order 4-S-08-20

The National Weather Service (NWS) marine forecast issued at 4:00 a.m. November 14 for Shelikof Strait (PKZ138) and Shuyak Island to Sitkinak (PKZ132) did not contain gale warnings. Therefore, the first fishing period of the Kodiak District commercial red sea cucumber fishery will open as follows:

Section	November 15–19, 2020 Fishing Periods:	Hours
Northeast	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
Eastside	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
Southeast	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
Southwest	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
Westside	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
North Mainland	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
South Mainland	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96
Semidi Island	Noon Sunday, November 15 to 11:59 a.m. Thursday, November 19	96

Prior to fishing, 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 from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Divers must secure a market prior to harvesting sea cucumbers. All divers are required to submit completed logbooks to ADF&G after each fishing period. Due to health concerns related to COVID-19, divers are encouraged obtain registration forms and logbooks by mail, email (nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov), or fax (907-486-1824), however all fishery related documents are also available in-person at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

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/>.

-end-