



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 **from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2020:**

Saint Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will open for a remaining harvest of 22,000 pounds of geoduck;

Cone Island South and Paloma Pass (Subdistricts 103-50-006, 104-35-006): will open for a remaining harvest of 25,000 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, November 20, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M4020.

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/>.

The geoduck fishery will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Friday, November 20, through Wednesday, December 2, 2020. The next possible fishery could begin on Wednesday, December 2 and will be announced before that date.

Due to the safety measures implemented by the building operator in response to the COVID-19 community risk level raising to high, the Ketchikan ADF&G building is to remain locked. The office will be staffed. Please call (907) 225-5195 for assistance.

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