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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 12:

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

The following area will be open from **9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Monday, December 7, 2020:**

District 14:

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

The following area will be open from **9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020:**

District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020:**

District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-10).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020:**

District 1:

West Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-85);

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, December 7, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 8, 2020:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

District 2:

Moira Sound (Subdistrict 102-30);

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).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, and from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2020:**

District 3:

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

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on December 7, December 8, and December 9, 2020:**

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).

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, December 10, 2020.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M4420.

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, 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 Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>

ADF&G offices remain open but will be minimally staffed through mid-December 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 GHLS 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), Paul Salomone (paul.salomone@alaska.gov), or Tom Kowalske (thomas.kowalske@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 49**

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHLS	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHLS
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	87,012	CLOSED
West Behm Canal	101-85	42,800	39,145	3,655
Moir Sound	102-30	156,800	124,463	32,337
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	67,600	65,233	CLOSED
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	140,000	34,860	105,140
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	80,400	***	***
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	136,000	***	***
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	101,800	100,070	CLOSED
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	22,100	3,855	18,245
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	30,800	***	***
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	17,400	530	16,870
Southeast Baranof	109-10	28,200	18,470	9,730
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	257,600	285,402	CLOSED
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	60,800	60,924	CLOSED
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	91,300	***	***
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	36,200	960	35,240
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	231,300	268,081	CLOSED
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	38,100	35,302	2,798
Totals		1,745,300	1,424,083	374,207

*** Confidential data

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
<i>AWT</i>	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220