



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, December 16, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2020:**

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

Northwest Dall Island (Subdistricts 104-20-003, 104-30-003): will open for a guideline harvest level of 23,800 pounds of geoduck.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **with no harvest limit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2020:**

Cone Island North (Subdistricts 103-50-005, 104-40-005): will open for a guideline harvest level of 171,500 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. The geoduck fishery will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Friday, December 18, 2020, through Wednesday, January 6, 2021. An announcement will be issued before the next possible geoduck fishery on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M4620.

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 as many staff will be working from home 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:
Quinn Smith (quinn.smith@alaska.gov) or Kyle Hebert (kyle.hebert@alaska.gov)

For information on management of the geoduck fishery contact:
Justin Breese (justin.breese@alaska.gov), Bo Meredith (bo.meredith@alaska.gov), or Whitney Crittenden (whitney.crittenden@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>

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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