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

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

District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-10);

Northern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-20).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 21, 2020:**

District 8:

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

The following area will be open from **9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 21, 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, December 21, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, December 22, 2020:**

District 2:

Moir Sound (Subdistrict 102-30);

District 7:

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

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 21, and from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 22, 2020:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

District 3:

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

District 8:

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

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on December 21, December 22, and December 23, 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 24, 2020.**

The commercial sea cucumber fishery will open during the upcoming holiday weeks.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M4720.

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 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 51**

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	31,904	25,096
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm, East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	90,400	87,012	CLOSED
West Behm Canal	101-85	42,800	42,107	CLOSED
Moir Sound	102-30	156,800	147,892	8,908
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	67,600	65,233	CLOSED
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	140,000	60,902	79,098
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	80,400	84,032	CLOSED
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	136,000	134,873	CLOSED
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	101,800	100,070	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	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	9,277	82,023
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	36,200	***	***
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	CLOSED
Totals		1,745,300	1,518,907	278,397

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AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220