Advisory Announcement

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2020/21 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2021:

District 1:
Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

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, January 4, 2021:

District 9:
Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 5, 2021:

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, January 4, and from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021:

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 January 4, January 5, and January 6, 2021:**

**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, January 7, 2021.**

**ADF&G offices will be closed, Friday, January 1, 2021, for New Year’s Day.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0121.

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/](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](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.contacts)
### 2020/21 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
#### Statistical Week 53

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<th>Area Description</th>
<th>Statistical Area(s)</th>
<th>GHL to Date</th>
<th>Remaining GHL</th>
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<td>West Shore of Gravina Island</td>
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<td>58,700</td>
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<td>Moira Sound</td>
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