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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **with an 800-pound area specific harvest limit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021:**

> Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 25,000 pounds of geoduck.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 17, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021:**

> Kelp Island (Subdistrict 101-21-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 90,000 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 17, 2021, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels. All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office with a harvest report before **12:00 noon on Friday, November 19, 2021.**

The geoduck fishery will be closed from Friday, November 19, through Tuesday, November 30, for the Thanksgiving holiday. State offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25, 2021, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M5021.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

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