



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 15, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 16, 2021:**

Kelp Island (Subdistrict 101-21-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 40,000 pounds of geoduck;

Tlevak Strait (Subdistricts 103-40-009, 103-50-009): will be open for a remaining harvest of 17,000 pounds of geoduck;

Bucareli Bay and contiguous waters (Subdistrict 103-50-003): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 7,600 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, December 17, 2021.**

The geoduck fishery will be closed from Friday, December 17, 2021, through Tuesday, January 4, 2022, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. State offices will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2021, in observance of Christmas Day, and Friday, December 31, 2021, in observance of New Year's Day.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M5721.

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/>.

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

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