



Advisory Announcement
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2021/22 SITKA AREA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvesting of geoducks for live sale from **6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, each day from: Friday, August 12, to Tuesday, August 16, 2022:**

Taigud and Kolosh Islands Area (Subdistricts 113-31-004, 113-41-004): will be open for the remainder of the guideline harvest level (GHL) of 5,102 pounds of whole geoducks.

Elovoi, Golf, and Gornoi Islands area (Subdistrict 113-31-005): will be open for the remainder of the GHL of 7,046 pounds of whole geoducks.

Additional regulations and descriptions of the above areas can be found in the Advisory Announcement dated July 1, 2022.

Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2021-2022 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet. Divers are reminded that a permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of whole and unshucked geoducks during any weekly fishing period.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the department must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoducks with an estimate of pounds harvested. All companies buying geoducks must contact the Fish and Game Sitka office before 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 18, 2022, with a harvest estimate by area.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1422.

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