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**2022/23 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 26, 2022:**

District 12

Eastern Chatham Strait, Wilson Cove, Whitewater Bay, and Chaik Bay (Subdistricts 112-18, 19, 80, and 90).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 26, 2022, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2022:**

District 11

Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50);

District 12

Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, and Wednesday, December 28, 2022:**

District 1

George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet (Subdistricts 101-40, 44, 45, 46, and 48);

East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay (Subdistricts 101-51 and 55);

Rudyard Bay, East Behm Canal, and Walker Cove (Subdistricts 101-51, 60, 71, and 73);

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80);

District 2

Cholmondeley Sound (Subdistrict 102-40).

The following areas will be open **with a 2,500-pound area specific trip limit** from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, and Wednesday, December 28, 2022:**

District 9

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

District 12

Freshwater Bay and Western Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 26, 2022, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, December 29, 2022**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3922.

State offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of Christmas Day.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 52**

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	50,076	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	51,300	41,007	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	226,100	221,460	CLOSED
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	187,300	165,386	21,914
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	CLOSED
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	36,803	54,997
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	45,725	27,375
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	196,563	30,937
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	108,232	CLOSED
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	177,170	CLOSED
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	***	***
Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands	110-21,22	98,800	94,393	CLOSED
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	20,900	***	***
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	133,400	44,029	89,371
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	26,900	***	***
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	42,700	***	***
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	134,600	135,825	CLOSED
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	118,700	116,908	CLOSED
Totals		1,962,300	1,602,262	360,038

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