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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. on Monday, January 2, 2023:**

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. on Monday, January 2, and Tuesday, January 3, 2023:**

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, January 2, Tuesday, January 3, and Wednesday, January 4, 2023:**

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);

Rudyerd 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, January 2, Tuesday, January 3, and Wednesday, January 4, 2023:**

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, January 5, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0123.

State offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of New Year's Day.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 53**

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	48,769	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	165,923	21,377
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	CLOSED
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	35,956	55,844
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	32,565	40,535
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	200,301	27,199
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	106,484	CLOSED
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	180,318	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	1,594,780	367,520

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