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# **Advisory Announcement**

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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 9, 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 9, and Tuesday, January 10, 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 Sunday, January 8, Monday, January 9, and Tuesday, January 10, 2023:

#### District 1

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

#### 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 Sunday, January 8, Monday, January 9, and Tuesday, January 10, 2023:

#### District 1

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 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 12, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0223.

# 2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Week 1

	Statistical		Harvest	Remaining	
Area Description	Area(s) GHL		to Date	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	170,161	17,139	
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	CLOSED	
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	***	***	
Rudyerd Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***	
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	***	***	
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	***	***	
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	1,609,563	352,737	

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Confidential data

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