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

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2022/23 season:

**District 1**

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

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023:**

**District 12**

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

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 16, and Tuesday, January 17, 2023:**

**District 11**

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

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, Monday, January 16, and Tuesday, January 17, 2023:**

**District 2**

Cholmondeley Sound (Subdistrict 102-40);

**District 12**

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

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 15, Monday, January 16, and Tuesday, January 17, 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 19, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0423.

**State offices will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 2**

<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHL</b>	<b>Harvest to Date</b>	<b>Remaining GHL</b>
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	48,769	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	51,300	41,007	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	226,100	221,460	<b>CLOSED</b>
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	187,300	182,455	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	<b>CLOSED</b>
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	***	***
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	44,051	<b>29,049</b>
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	207,015	<b>20,485</b>
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	106,484	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	180,318	<b>CLOSED</b>
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	***	***
Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands	110-21,22	98,800	94,393	<b>CLOSED</b>
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	<b>CLOSED</b>
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	118,700	116,908	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,962,300</b>	<b>1,642,60</b>	<b>319,697</b>

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<i>ADF&amp;G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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