

**Division of Commercial Fisheries**  
**Sam Rabung, Director**

Region I, Petersburg Area Office  
PO Box 667  
Petersburg, AK 99833



**Alaska Department of Fish and Game**  
**Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner**

PO Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526  
[www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov)

**Advisory Announcement**  
*For Immediate Release: January 19, 2023*

**CONTACT: Troy Thynes**  
**Region I Management Coordinator**  
[troy.thynes@alaska.gov](mailto:troy.thynes@alaska.gov)  
**(907) 772-3801**

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

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

**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 23, and Tuesday, January 24, 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 22, Monday, January 23, and Tuesday, January 24, 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 22, Monday, January 23, and Tuesday, January 24, 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 26, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0623.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 3**

| <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           | 50,076                 | <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          | 183,149                | <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           | 50,517                 | <b>41,283</b>        |
| Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove             | 101-51,60,71,73            | 53,600           | ***                    | ***                  |
| North Behm Canal                             | 101-80                     | 73,100           | 56,239                 | <b>16,861</b>        |
| Cholmondeley Sound                           | 102-40                     | 227,500          | 215,594                | <b>11,906</b>        |
| Clarence Strait                              | 102-50                     | 111,000          | 108,658                | <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          | 57,872                 | <b>75,528</b>        |
| Howard Bay and Couverden Island              | 112-15,61;114-25           | 26,900           | ***                    | ***                  |
| E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik        | 112-18,19,80,90            | 42,700           | 40,131                 | <b>CLOSED</b>        |
| 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>1,695,887</b>       | <b>242,137</b>       |

\*\*\* Confidential data

Advisory announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

| <i>Office</i>    | <i>Ketchikan</i> | <i>Petersburg</i> | <i>Wrangell</i> | <i>Sitka</i> | <i>Juneau</i> | <i>Haines</i> | <i>Yakutat</i> |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>ADF&amp;G</i> | 225-5195         | 772-3801          |                 | 747-6688     | 465-4250      | 766-2830      | 784-3255       |
| <i>AWT</i>       | 225-5111         | 772-3983          | 874-3215        | 747-3254     | 465-4000      | 766-2533      | 784-3255       |