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

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, February 19, Monday, February 20, and Tuesday, February 21, 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).

The following areas will remain closed until further notice:

**District 9**

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

**District 11**

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

**District 12**

Freshwater Bay and Western Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50);  
Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25).

There are currently no processors interested in purchasing sea cucumbers from the Juneau and Sitka management areas. The combined guideline harvest level of 58,000 pounds from these areas will be available until the season closes by regulation on March 31, 2023. The department will consider reopening these areas if there is expressed interest. Interested divers and processors should contact Area Management staff with plans prior to 12:00 noon on Thursday for a potential fishery the following week.

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, February 23, 2023**.

**State offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of Presidents' Day.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1123.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 7**

<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	180,975	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	91,370	<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	***	***
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	224,883	<b>CLOSED</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	110,856	<b>22,544</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>	***	***

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