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## **Advisory Announcement**

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# 2022/23 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2022/23 Southeast Alaska sea cucumber fishery **closed by regulation Friday, March 31, 2023**. The fishery opened on October 3, 2022, with a total guideline harvest level (GHL) of 1,962,300 pounds of sea cucumbers. The fishery was opened weekly throughout the entire season. The 2022/23 season's harvest of 1,820,852 pounds was 5.4% under the total GHL. A total of 160 divers participated and made 1,482 landings. The maximum number of divers that participated in any single opening was 145 during the second opening of the season.

#### 2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Total Harvest

	Statistical			Remaining
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	Harvest	GHL
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	50,076	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	181,078	CLOSED
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	91,370	CLOSED
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	91,306	CLOSED
Rudyerd Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	11,160	42,440
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	63,078	10,022
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	224,883	CLOSED
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	104,988	CLOSED
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	180,318	CLOSED
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	23,066	22,734
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	16,023	4,877
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	133,400	115,311	18,089
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	26,900	18,471	8,429
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	42,700	40,131	CLOSED
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	1,820,852	106,591

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