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2023/24 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following areas will be closed for the remainder of the 2023/24 season:

District 2:

Thorne Bay and Kasaan Peninsula (Subdistrict 102-70);

District 7:

Zimovia Strait and Anita Bay (Subdistricts 107-30 and 35);

District 11:

Seymour Canal (Subdistricts 111-11 and 14);

District 13:

Peril Strait (Subdistricts 113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023:

District 1:

Revillagigedo Channel, Thorne Arm, and East Behm Canal (Subdistricts 101-41, 43, and 53);

District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-10).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023:

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

West Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-85);

District 2:

Moira Sound (Subdistrict 102-30);

District 3:

Eastern shore of Dall Island and Soda Bay (Subdistrict 103-40);

District 7:

Northern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-20);

Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel, and Eastern Passage (Subdistricts 107-40 and 45);

District 8:

Stikine Strait and Chichagof Passage (Subdistricts 108-10, 20, and 40);

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30);

District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10);

District 12:

Northern Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-16, 17, 63, and 65);

District 13:

Baranof Island Shoreline, Necker and Rakof Islands, West Crawfish Inlet, and Crawfish Inlet (Subdistricts 113-31, 32, and 33);

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41);

District 14:

Excursion Inlet and Homeshore (Subdistricts 114-25-002 and 114-80).

Fishers and processors are reminded that an accurate fish ticket is required at the time of delivery. A fish ticket must be filled out according to 5 AAC 39.130(c). Fishers must verify at the time of landing with the tender or processor that all information is accurate before signing the fish ticket, including statistical area, pounds of sea cucumbers harvested, and any overages.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 31, 2023, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, November 2, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M4123.

2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Week 43

	Harvest	Remaining		
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	to Date	GHL
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	63,700	59,849	CLOSED
Boca De Quadra	101-30	75,700	3,988	71,712
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm & East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	107,000	86,510	20,490
West Behm Canal	101-85 47,200		28,073	19,127
Moira Sound	102-30	146,100	25,929	120,171
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	65,600	65,746	CLOSED
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	108,000	0	108,000
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	79,700	58,787	20,913
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	229,400	56,123	173,277
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	79,300	78,803	CLOSED
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	29,500	0	29,500
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	22,800	3,733	19,067
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	11,400	0	11,400
Southeast Baranof	109-10	21,400	***	***
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	129,200	118,103	CLOSED
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	72,300	***	***
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	107,400	***	***
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	49,300	***	***
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	209,800	208,127	CLOSED
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	18,200	***	***
Totals		1,673,000	809,993	846,035

^{***} Confidential data

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