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2023/24 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023:

District 2:

Moira Sound (Subdistrict 102-30).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023:

District 7:

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

District 12:

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

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023:

District 14:

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

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023:

District 7:

Northern Ernest Sound (Subdistrict 107-20);

District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023:

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

District 8:

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

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, Monday, November 27, and Tuesday, November 28, 2023:

District 3:

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

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).

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 30, 2023.

State offices will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M4723.

2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Week 47

	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	40,832	34,868
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm & East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	107,000	104,820	CLOSED
West Behm Canal	101-85	47,200	44,989	CLOSED
Moira Sound	102-30	146,100	139,863	6,237
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	65,600	65,772	CLOSED
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	108,000	***	***
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	79,700	84,356	CLOSED
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	229,400	183,605	45,795
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	79,300	78,868	CLOSED
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	29,500	24,403	5,097
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	22,800	21,432	CLOSED
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	11,400	0	11,400
Southeast Baranof	109-10	21,400	4,157	17,243
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	129,200	118,103	CLOSED
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	72,300	60,514	11,786
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	107,400	36,754	70,646
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	14,651	3,549
Totals		1,673,000	1,308,390	346,626

^{***} Confidential data

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