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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, December 11, 2023:**

District 2:

Moir Sound (Subdistrict 102-30).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023:**

District 7:

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

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30);

District 9:

Southeast Baranof (Subdistrict 109-10);

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, December 12, 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 Sunday, December 10, Monday, December 11, and Tuesday, December 12, 2023:**

District 3:

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

District 8:

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

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, December 14, 2023**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M5123.

**2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 49**

| Area Description | Statistical Area(s) | GHL | Harvest to Date | Remaining GHL |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| West Shore of Gravina Island | 101-29 | 63,700 | 59,849 | CLOSED |
| Boca De Quadra | 101-30 | 75,700 | 63,613 | 12,087 |
| 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 | *** | *** |
| Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula | 102-70 | 65,600 | 65,772 | CLOSED |
| East Dall Island & Soda Bay | 103-40 | 108,000 | 17,808 | 90,192 |
| Southern Ernest Sound | 107-10 | 79,700 | 84,356 | CLOSED |
| Northern Ernest Sound | 107-20 | 229,400 | 229,585 | CLOSED |
| Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay | 107-30 and 35 | 79,300 | 78,868 | CLOSED |
| Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage | 107-40 and 45 | 29,500 | *** | *** |
| Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage | 108-10, 20, and 40 | 22,800 | 21,432 | CLOSED |
| South Mitkof & North Zarembo | 108-30 | 11,400 | *** | *** |
| Southeast Baranof | 109-10 | 21,400 | 18,003 | 3,397 |
| 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 | 42,353 | 65,047 |
| 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 | 1,423,375 | 231,826 |

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