



Advisory Announcement

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2026/27 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY

The 2026/27 Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck season begins by regulation on Thursday, October 1, 2026, with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 264,000 pounds. The first opening is planned for October 7 depending on paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) test results.

Guideline Harvest Levels by Area

District 1

Kelp Island (Subdistrict 101-21-001): will be open for a GHL of 136,500 pounds of geoduck in those waters south of the latitude of Duke Point at 54°55.00' N lat and east of 131°22.63' W long, approximately 1.1 nautical miles west of Cape Northumberland.

Foggy Bay (Subdistrict 101-23-001): will be open for a GHL of 24,200 pounds of whole geoduck in those waters of Foggy Bay along the mainland and the Delong Islands shorelines, south of the latitude of Kirk Point at 55°00.00' N lat and north of the latitude of Foggy Point Light at 54°55.44' N lat.

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will be open for a GHL of 47,300 pounds of whole geoduck in those waters of Felice Strait and Revillagigedo Channel north of the latitude of Duke Point at 54°55.15' N lat, west of 131°08.38' W long, south of 55°07.21' N lat, and east of 131°27.70' W long.

District 3

Blanquial Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will be open for a GHL of 8,400 pounds of whole geoduck in those waters of San Christoval Channel north of 55°35.80' N lat, south of the latitude of the westernmost tip of Blanquial Point at 55°37.35' N lat, and east of a line from the southwesternmost tip of Blanquial Island at 55°38.00' N lat, 133°25.00' W long to the northernmost tip of Point San Pasqual at 55°34.13' N lat, 133°23.30' W long.

Districts 3 and 5

Warren Island and Kosciusko Island (Subdistricts 103-90-005, 105-41-005, 105-43-005, 105-50-005): will be open for a GHL of 26,900 pounds of whole geoduck in those waters of Warren Channel and Sumner Strait north of a line from the southernmost tip of Whale Head Island at 55°51.09' N lat, 133°40.96' W long to Alice Rocks at 55°49.46' N lat, 133°55.63' W long, east of a line from Alice Rocks to Borlase Rocks at 55°54.97' N lat, 133°57.74' W long to 56°08.66' N lat, 133°44.58' W long, south of 56°08.66' N lat, and west of the shoreline of Kosciusko Island from 56°08.66' N lat, 133°37.30' W long to the southernmost tip of Kosciusko Island at 55°53.96' N lat, 133°43.37' W long then due south to 55°50.81' N lat, 133°43.37' W long with the following restriction:

Unnamed cove on the western shore of Kosciusko Island: will be closed east of a line from 56°03.27' N lat, 133°42.07' W long to 56°02.87' N lat, 133°42.30' W long.

District 4

Northwest Dall Island (Subdistricts 104-20-003, 104-30-003): will be open for a GHL of 20,700 pounds of whole geoduck in those waters of Meares Passage, Sea Otter Harbor, Divers Bay, and Bobs Bay, south and west of a line from Eagle Point 55°14.53' N lat, 133°13.28' W long to Sumez Island at 55°14.68' N lat, 133°14.45' W long and north and east of a line from Lontana Point at 55°12.26' N lat, 133°20.13' W long to Cape Lookout at 55°06.03' N lat, 133°14.25' W long.

Area Closures

Saint Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007) and Biorka Channel and Legma Island Area (Subdistrict 113-31-003), which would normally fall on this rotation, will be closed. The department surveyed these areas in 2026 and their biomass has fallen below 30% of the original biomass estimate. Under 5 AAC 38.142(h) these areas will remain closed until the estimated biomass is above the 30% threshold. Evidence of sea otter predation on geoducks has been observed and documented by the department in these areas.

Inseason Management Plan

In the Ketchikan management area, based on the recommendation of the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association, weekly harvest periods will generally occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday. ADF&G fishery advisory announcements will be released after weekly PSP results, which are expected on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings. However, if sampling is delayed, the fishing period may also be delayed up to one day.

A valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit and a 2026/2027 Alaska Department of Fish & Game registration for the Ketchikan and Sitka management areas are required prior to commercial harvest of geoduck clams. Harvesters are required to contact ADF&G at least 48 hours prior to fishing in a new management area.

The geoduck clam fishery will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Friday, November 20, through Tuesday, December 1, 2026, and for Christmas and New Year's holidays from Friday, December 18, 2026, through Tuesday, January 12, 2027. State agencies will be closed on the following State holidays: October 19 (Alaska Day, observed), November 11 (Veteran's Day), November 26 (Thanksgiving Day), December 25 (Christmas Day), January 1 (New Year's Day), January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 15 (President's Day), March 29 (Seward's Day), May 31 (Memorial Day), June 18 (Juneteenth Day, observed), July 5 (Independence Day, observed), and September 6 (Labor Day).

There is an overage-underage policy in place for the commercial geoduck fishery designed to maintain the geoduck harvest rate at 2% of the surveyed biomass, consistent with 5 AAC 38.142(g). Harvest from the 2026/27 season that is over or under the specified GHL will be subtracted or added, respectively, to the GHL for the next fishery rotation for each area until such time as the GHL is revised based on a new survey of the area.

For the 2026/27 season, geoduck logbooks are voluntary. Logbooks are available at local ADF&G offices and can be turned in with fish tickets or mailed directly to the Douglas ADF&G office, C/O Max Schoenfeld at P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811-0024.

This season, all areas passed inorganic arsenic testing and therefore may be sold to mainland China. Please contact the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association for more information.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2926.

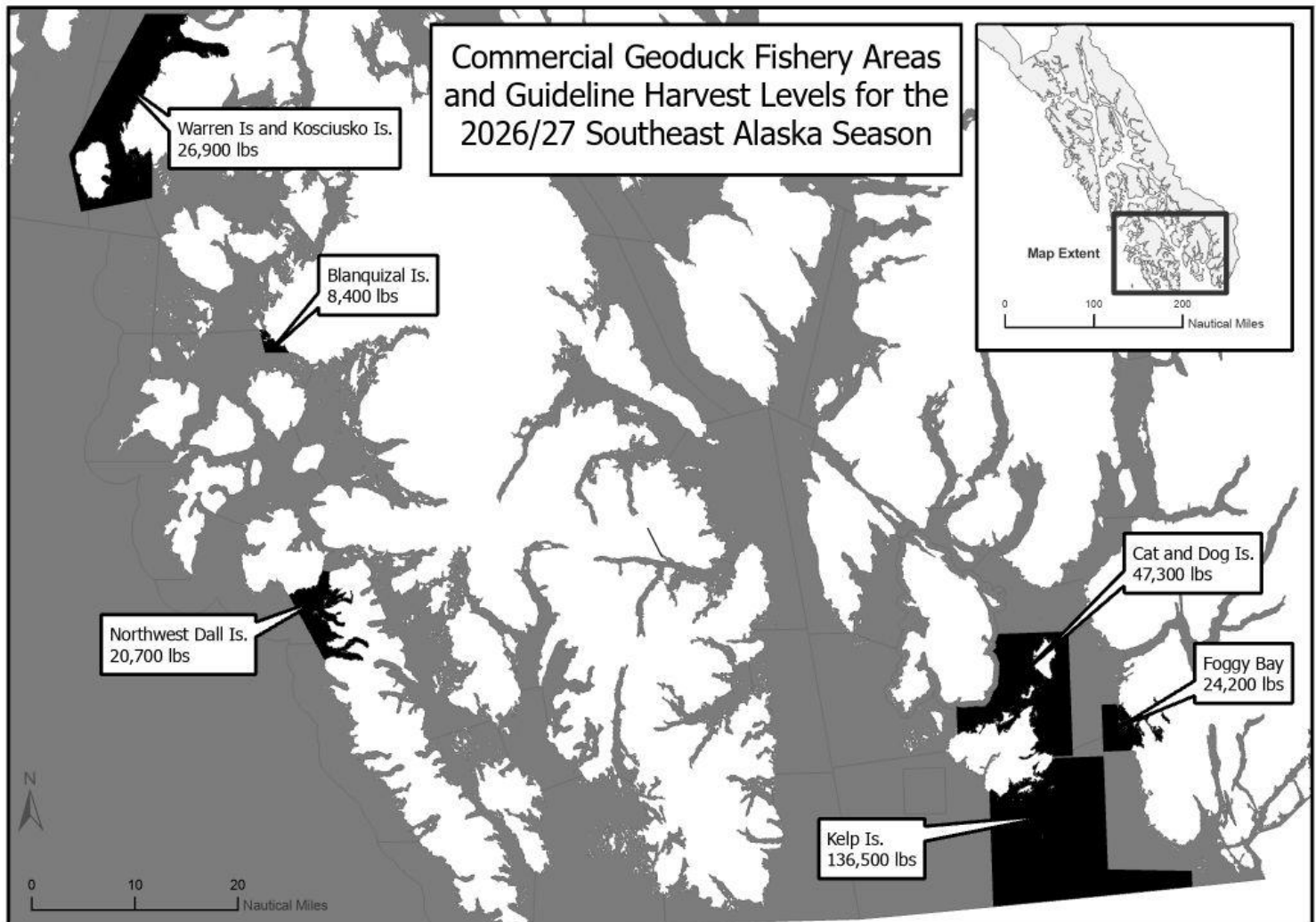


Figure 1. Commercial geoduck fishery areas for the Ketchikan Management Area with guideline harvest levels for the 2026/27 season. *Note: This chart is for general reference purposes only and does not identify boundaries of open areas. See written descriptions above for detailed descriptions of open areas.*

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