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**Registration Area J Red Sea Cucumber and Green Sea Urchin
Guideline Harvest Levels for the 2012/13 Season
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Red Sea Cucumber: The 2012/13 Registration Area J red sea cucumber season opens by regulation on October 1, 2012. Individual fishing periods are opened by emergency order under provisions of a commissioner's permit issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

The initial 48-hour red sea cucumber fishing period will occur from 12:01 a.m. Monday, October 1, 2012 to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2012. Subsequent fishing periods will be announced by news release no later than Thursday of each week.

Each diver is required to obtain a current Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) sea cucumber interim-use permit card and an ADF&G commissioner's permit registration prior to any commercial diving. All divers are required to submit completed logbooks to ADF&G after each fishing period. Registration forms and logbooks are available from ADF&G offices in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor.

Green Sea Urchin: The Registration Area J green sea urchin fishery opens by regulation on October 1, 2012 under provisions of a commissioner's permit. Each diver is required to obtain a CFEC sea urchin interim-use permit card and commissioner's permit registration from ADF&G prior to any commercial diving. Completed logbooks must be submitted to ADF&G by each diver following delivery. Additional requirements, including individual fishing periods and delivery notifications may be required depending on effort.

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Red sea cucumber and green sea urchin guideline harvest levels (GHLs) for the Kodiak, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula areas are based on historical harvest and fishery performance data. Areas lacking historical harvest data will open with exploratory GHLs of 5,000 pounds each. Red sea cucumber GHLs are expressed as the weight of eviscerated product. Green sea urchin GHLs are expressed as whole animal weight.

| Area | Sea Cucumber GHL (eviscerated pounds) | Sea Urchin GHL (whole pounds) |
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| Kodiak | | |
| Northeast Section | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Eastside Section | 40,000 | 10,000 |
| Southeast Section | 30,000 | 10,000 |
| Southwest Section | 20,000 | 10,000 |
| Westside Section | 30,000 | 10,000 |
| North Mainland Section | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| South Mainland Section | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Semidi Island Section | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Total Kodiak | 140,000 | 65,000 |
| Chignik | 15,000 | 5,000 |
| Alaska Peninsula | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Aleutian Islands | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Bering Sea | 5,000 | 5,000 |

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