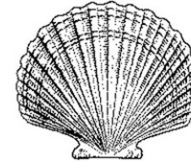


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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL**  
**WEATHERVANE SCALLOP SEASON OPENS**  
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The commercial weathervane scallop season in waters east of the longitude of the Cape Saint Elias lighthouse (144° 35.98'W. long.) will open July 1, 2011 with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of 8,400 lb of scallop meats.

The department biennially assesses Kayak Island weathervane scallops with the most recent survey in 2010. Survey results indicated continuing decline with low abundance of harvestable scallops west of Cape St. Elias and these waters were closed for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons. Despite two survey trips in 2010, assessment of scallops in waters east of Cape St. Elias was incomplete due to equipment problems and inclement weather. The 2010/11 scallop GHL for waters east of Cape St. Elias was set using the previous season's GHL of 15,000 pounds adjusted by the 44% decline in commercial catch per unit of effort between the 2008/09 and the 2009/10 seasons. Because scallops have not been assessed more recently, the 2010 GHL will remain in place. Similarly, the Tanner crab bycatch cap will remain identical to the 2010/11 level of 1,643 crab.

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