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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 17, 2014:

District 1:

<u>Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 111,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014:

Districts 3 & 4:

Maurelle Islands (Subdistricts 103-70-009, 103-80-009, 104-40-009, 104-50-009): will be open for a remaining harvest of 13,500 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014:

District 1:

<u>Nehenta Bay (Subdistrict 101-29-001)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 18,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Districts 3 & 4:

<u>Little Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-002)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 9,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, April 18, with a harvest estimate by area.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0814.

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