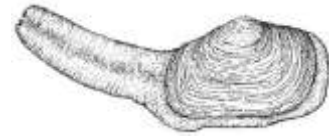

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The following 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, February 12, 2015:**

Cone Island North (Subdistricts 103-50-005, 104-40-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 60,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 10,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Port Santa Cruz (Subdistrict 104-30-002): will be open for a remaining harvest of 38,000 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., Wednesday, February 11, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015:**

Lower Cordova Bay (Subdistricts 102-10, 103-11, 21): will be open for a remaining harvest of 20,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Port Alice/Cone Bay (Subdistrict 103-90-002): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 9,100 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Warren Island and Kosciusko Island (Subdistricts 103-90-005, 105-41, 43, 50-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 15,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Geoduck logbooks are required to be properly completed and submitted within seven days of a commercial landing. Failure to follow this regulation may result in a citation. Contact the nearest Alaska Department of Fish and Game office if you need assistance in completing your logbook.

Monday, February 16 is President's Day a state holiday; therefore state offices will remain closed. Due to the holiday paralytic shellfish poison samples will be processed on Tuesday with results available late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

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, February 13, with a harvest estimate by area.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0815.

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