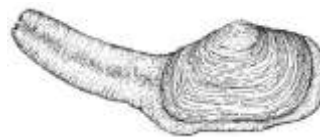

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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., Wednesday, February 25, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015:**

Lower Cordova Bay (Subdistricts 102-10, 103-11, 21): will be open for a remaining harvest of 4,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 4,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Port Alice/Cone Bay (Subdistrict 103-90-002): will be open for a remaining harvest of 3,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from **7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, and from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015:**

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 30,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

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

Port Santa Cruz (Subdistrict 104-30-002): will be open for a remaining harvest of 30,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Warren Island and Kosciusko Island (Subdistricts 103-90-005, 105-41-005, 105-43-005, 105-50-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 8,000 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.

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 27, with a harvest estimate by area.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1015.

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