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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2015/16 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka.... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial harvest of sea cucumbers in Southeast Alaska during the 2015/16 season:

**The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2015:**

**District 13:**

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-62, 63, 64, 65, and 66).

**The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 12, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 13, 2015:**

District 1:

Tree Point – (Subdistricts 101-10, 11);

West Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-90 and 101-95);

District 2:

Lower Clarence Strait – (Subdistrict 102-20);

Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm – (Subdistrict 102-60);

Cleveland Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-80);

District 3:

Long Island and upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30);

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet – (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25);

San Christoval Channel, western San Alberto Bay, and Trocadero Bay – (Subdistricts 103-60 and 103-70-002);

## District 6:

Snow Pass – (Subdistrict 106-30);

## District 12:

Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay – (Subdistricts 112-11, 21 and 22);

Eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-41, 42);

Western portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48).

For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 16, 2015, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHL's. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of **Thursday, October 15, 2015**.

<b>2015-2016 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery</b>				
<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHL</b>	<b>Harvest to Date (lbs)</b>	<b>Remaining GHL</b>
Tree Point	101-10,11	184,800	27,668	<b>157,132</b>
Percy Islands	101-25	77,300	77,618	<b>CLOSED</b>
West Behm	101-90,95	96,000	3,256	<b>92,744</b>
Clarence Strait	102-20	34,900	***	***
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	220,700	66,566	<b>154,134</b>
Cleveland Peninsula	102-80	39,700	***	***
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	39,300	-	<b>39,300</b>
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	165,000	-	<b>165,000</b>
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	32,400	4,942	<b>27,458</b>
Snow Pass	106-30	302,200	43,662	<b>258,538</b>
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	110,300	***	***
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	38,600	9,538	<b>29,062</b>
W. Tenakee Inlet	112,43-48	54,300	15,304	<b>38,996</b>
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62-66	44,400	28,584	<b>15,816</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,439,900</b>	279,546	<b>1,160,354</b>

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