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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 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, and from 8:00 to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 19, 2016:

District 3:

Long Island and Upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30).

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 GHLs. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of **Thursday, January 21, 2016.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0416.

2015-2016 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery									
Area Description	Statistical Area(s) GHL		Harvest to Date (lbs)	Remaining GHL					
Tree Point	101-10,11	184,800	203,992	CLOSED					
Percy Islands	101-25	77,300	78,058	CLOSED					
West Behm	101-90,95	96,000	90,605	CLOSED					
Clarence Strait	102-20	34,900	45,700	CLOSED					
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	220,700	249,687	CLOSED					
Cleveland Peninsula	102-80	39,700	37,479	CLOSED					
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	39,300	32,000	7,300					
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	165,000	169,461	CLOSED					
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	32,400	29,762	CLOSED					
Snow Pass	106-30	302,200	327,454	CLOSED					
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	110,300	121,719	CLOSED					
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	38,600	35,759	CLOSED					
W. Tenakee Inlet	112,43-48	54,300	53,712	CLOSED					
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62-66	44,400	43,798	CLOSED					
Totals		1,439,900	1,518,608	7,300					

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