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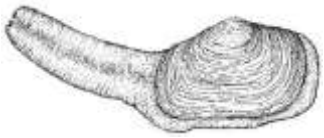

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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 11, 2016:**

District 1:

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 65,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

District 3:

Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 40,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

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 12, 2016, with a harvest estimate by area.**

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. Geoduck logbooks are required to be properly completed daily and before leaving the harvest site. Logbooks must also be submitted to the Department within seven days of a commercial landing.

Monday, February 15, is President's Day, a state holiday, so state offices will be closed.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1016.

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