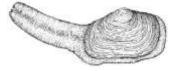
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



Sam Cotten, Commissioner Scott Kelley, Director



Contact: Justin Breese Phone: (907) 225-5195 Recording: (907) 225-6870 Fax: (907) 225-3756 Ketchikan Area Office 2030 Sea Level Dr., #205 Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 Date: April 26, 2016 Time: 2:30 p.m.

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 area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from **9:00 a.m.** to **3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2016:**

<u>Little Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-002)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 5,000 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, April 29, 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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2116.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Hoonah	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801	874-3822	747-6688	465-4250	766-2830		784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000		945-3620	
Recording Hotline	225-6870				465-8905	766-2830		

News releases web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.