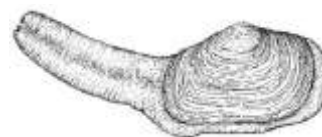

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **with a 400 pound harvest limit per diver from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursday, October 13, 2016:**

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 13,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

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., Wednesday, October 12, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2016:**

Lower Cordova Bay (Subdistricts 102-10-001, 103-11-001, 103-21-001): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 17,500 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 must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before **12:00 noon on Friday, October 14, 2016.**

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 completed daily and before leaving the harvest site. Logbooks must be submitted to the Department within seven days of a commercial landing. **If a geoduck harvester makes a landing from the Cat and Dog Islands area, they may not land more than 400 pounds of geoduck clams in this opening.**

Tuesday, October 18th is Alaska Day, a state holiday all state offices will be closed, however a news release will be issued regarding the geoduck fishery.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2916.

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

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