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



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**2016/17 SOUTHEAST ALASKA 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 2016/17 season:

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday, October 31, 2016:**

**District 2:**

Cholmondeley Sound (Subdistrict 102-40).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 31, 2016:**

**District 1:**

George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet (Subdistricts 101-40, 44, 45, 46, and 48);

**District 12:**

Chatham Strait, Wilson Cove, Whitewater Bay, and Chaik Bay (Subdistricts 112-18, 19, 80, and 90).

The following areas will be open from **8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 31, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 1, 2016:**

**District 1:**

East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay (Subdistricts 101-51 and 55);

Rudyard Bay, East Behm Canal, and Walker Cove (Subdistricts 101-60, 71, and 73);

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80);

**District 2:**

Clarence Strait and Dixon Entrance (Subdistrict 102-10);

**District 3:**

Bucareli Bay and Port Real Marina (Subdistrict 103-50);

**District 9:**

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

**District 11:**

Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50);

**District 12:**

Freshwater Bay and Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50);

Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the September 19, 2016, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHLS. The next news release following this opening will be available on **Thursday, November 3, 2016**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3516.

**2016-2017 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery**

<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHL</b>	<b>Harvest to Date</b>	<b>Remaining GHL</b>
Willard and Fillmore	101-11-002	29,000	28,122	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and Clarence Strait	101-21	67,000	68,902	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	126,500	131,481	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tongass Narrows	101-47	51,700	48,824	<b>CLOSED</b>
George Inlet, Bold Is. and Carroll	101-40,44,45,46,48	82,800	47,760	<b>35,040</b>
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	64,000	29,074	<b>34,926</b>
Rudyerd Bay, Walker Cove	101-60,71,73	35,400	7,431	<b>27,969</b>
North Behm Canal	101-80	51,000	***	***
Clarence Strait and Dixon Entrance	102-10	12,500	0	<b>12,500</b>
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	173,100	147,654	<b>25,446</b>
Clarence Strait	102-50	54,400	56,898	<b>CLOSED</b>
Bucareli Bay and Port Real Marina	103-50	9,800	***	***
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	131,300	132,747	<b>CLOSED</b>
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	48,800	26,075	<b>22,725</b>
Southern Lynn Canal	111-50	35,500	***	***
Chatham Strait, Wilson Cove, Whitewater and Chaik Bay	112-18,19,80,90	21,800	***	***
Freshwater Bay and Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	101,700	46,704	<b>54,996</b>
Howard Bay and Couverden Is.	112-15,61;114-25	34,300	24,663	<b>9,637</b>
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,42,43	48,100	47,714	<b>CLOSED</b>
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	64,500	67,907	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,243,200</b>	<b>935,874</b>	<b>307,326</b>

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