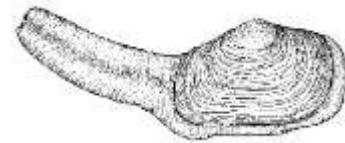

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . 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 to the commercial harvesting of geoduck clams for live sale from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, Saturday, September 15, Sunday, September 16, Monday, September 17, and Tuesday, September 18, 2018:

Biorka Channel and Legma Island Area (Subdistrict 113-31-003): will be open for a harvest of 4,700 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Taigud and Kolosh Islands Area (Subdistricts 113-31-004, 113-41-004): will be open for a harvest of 1,500 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Elovoi, Golf, and Gornoi Islands area (Subdistrict 113-31-005): will open for a harvest of 2,800 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Additional regulations and descriptions of the above areas can be found in the News Release dated August 23, 2018.

Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2015-2018 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet. Divers are reminded of the new regulation prohibiting permit holders from landing or possessing more than 1,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams during a weekly fishing period.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the department must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoducks with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are asked to call the Sitka office before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018, with a harvest estimate by area.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2918.

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