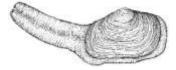
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **from 10:00 a.m. to** 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 3, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2018:

<u>Blanquizal Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005)</u>: will be open for a guideline harvest level of 47,600 pounds of whole geoduck;

Saint Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 103,300 pounds of whole geoduck.

Fishermen are reminded that in accordance with 5 AAC 38.142(n) a CFEC permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of geoduck measured whole and unshucked during any weekly fishing period.

All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before **12:00 noon on Friday, October 5, 2018**.

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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M3418.

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