ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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2018/19 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL 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 2018/19 season.

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2018/19 season:

District 1:

Percy Island – (Subdistrict 101-25).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 9, 2018:

District 1:

Tree Point – (Subdistricts 101-10, 11);

West Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-90 and 101-95);

District 2:

Lower Clarence Strait – (Subdistrict 102-20);

Kasaan Bay and Skowl Arm – (Subdistrict 102-60);

Cleveland Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-80);

District 3:

Long Island and upper Cordova Bay – (Subdistricts 103-21 and 30);

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet – (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25);

San Christoval Channel, western San Alberto Bay, and Trocadero Bay – (Subdistricts 103-60 and 103-70-002);

District 6:

Snow Pass – (Subdistrict 106-30);

District 12:

Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay – (Subdistricts 112-11, 21 and 22);

Eastern portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-41, 42);

Western portion of Tenakee Inlet – (Subdistricts 112-43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48);

District 13:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-62, 63, 64, 65, and 66).

For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 10, 2018, sea cucumber fishery news release announcing the open areas and their GHL's. The next news release following this opening will be available on the afternoon of **Thursday**, **October 11, 2018**.

2018-2019 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery									
	Harvest to	Remaining							
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	Date (lbs)	GHL					
Tree Point	101-10,11	205,400	19,798	185,602					
Percy Islands	101-25	102,200	113,825	CLOSED					
West Behm	101-90,95	106,900	***	***					
Clarence Strait	102-20	47,400	0	47,400					
Kasaan Bay/Skowl Arm	102-60	315,000	71,460	243,540					
Cleveland Pennisula	102-80	44,600	***	***					
Long Is./Cordova Bay	103-21,30	21,500	0	21,500					
Hetta/Nutkwa Inlet	103-23,25	228,800	0	228,800					
San Christoval/Trocadero	103-60,70-002	37,600	0	37,600					
Snow Pass	106-30	240,900	27,800	213,100					
Chatham/Kelp Bay	112-11,21,22	163,500	***	***					
E. Tenakee Inlet	112-41,42	48,100	***	***					
W. Tenakee Inlet	112-43 to 48	83,900	***	***					
Salisbury/Peril Strait	113-62 to 66	111,800	25,600	86,200					
Totals		1,757,600	276,030	1,481,570					

^{***} Confidential data

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1M3518.

NOTICE: The Ketchikan ADF&G primary phone line (907) 225-5195 is currently not working. Fishermen or processors reporting harvest information can use (907) 225-5196 or 225-5197.

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

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