
**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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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 2011/12 season:

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

District 7:

Zimovia Strait and Anita Bay – (Subdistricts 107-30 and 35).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2011:

District 1:

Revillagigedo Channel, Thorne Arm, and East Behm Canal – (Subdistricts 101-41, 43 and 53).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2011:

District 1:

West Behm Canal – (Subdistrict 101-85).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2011:

District 7:

Southern Ernest Sound – (Subdistrict 107-10).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011:

District 2:

Moira Sound – (Subdistrict 102-30);

Thorne Bay and Kasaan Peninsula – (Subdistrict 102-70);

District 3:

Eastern shore of Dall Island and Soda Bay – (Subdistrict 103-40);

District 4:

West Dall Island – (Subdistricts 104-10, 20, and 30);

District 7:

Northern Ernest Sound – (Subdistrict 107-20);

Bradfield Canal, Blake Channel and Eastern Passage – (Subdistricts 107-40 and 45);

District 8:

Stikine Strait and Chichagof Passage – (Subdistricts 108-10, 20 and 40);

District 9:

Southeast Baranof – (Subdistrict 109-10);

District 12:

Northern Chatham Strait – (Subdistricts 112-16, 17, 63 and 65);

District 13:

Sitka Sound – (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41);

Peril Strait – (Subdistricts 113-51, 52, 53, 54 and 59);

District 14:

Excursion Inlet and Homeshore – (Subdistricts 114-25-002 and 114-80).

For a description of the above areas please refer to the September 13, 2011 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 20, 2011**.

2011-2012 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date (lbs)	Remaining GHL
Gravina Island	101-29	21,400	27,595	CLOSED
Revillagigedo Channel	101-41,43,53	42,400	30,921	11,479
West Behm Canal	101-85	23,700	***	***
Moira Sound	102-30	90,300	11,964	78,336
Clarence Strait	102-70	73,300	***	***
East Dall Island	103-40	147,000	86,400	60,600
West Dall Island	104-10,20,30	44,150	***	***
S. Ernest Sound	107-10	106,650	85,915	20,735
N. Ernest Sound	107-20	105,000	33,065	71,935
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30,35	47,900	63,351	CLOSED
Bradfield Canal	107-40,45	15,900	0	15,900
Stikine Strait & Chichagof	108-10,20,40	29,000	***	***
Southeast Baranof	109-10	14,150	***	***
N. Chatham Strait	112-16,17,63,65	60,200	21,449	38,751
Sitka Sound	113-38,41	12,400	***	***
Peril Strait	113-51,52,53,54,59	129,400	75,765	53,635
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002, 114-80	27,150	4,969	22,181
Totals		990,000	507,491	482,509

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The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1311

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