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

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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 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day: Friday, August 16; Saturday, August 17; Sunday, August 18; Monday, August 19; Tuesday, August 20; and Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

Biorka Channel and Legma Island Area (Subdistrict 113-31-003): will be open for a harvest of 8,550 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Elovoi, Golf, and Gornoi Islands area (Subdistrict 113-31-005): will open for a harvest of 1,570 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Additional regulations and descriptions of the above areas can be found in the News Release dated August 01, 2019. Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2019-2021 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet. Divers are reminded that a permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of whole and unshucked geoducks during any 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, August 22, 2019, with a harvest estimate by area.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1919.