**Advisory Announcement**
*For Immediate Release: May 11, 2020*

**SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2020:

- **Vegas and Hotspur Islands** (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 19,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

- **Middle Gravina Island** (Subdistrict 101-29-002): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 51,900 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Fishermen are reminded that in accordance with 5 AAC 38.142:

1. all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester’s name, and the location of harvest;
2. 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, May 15, 2020**.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery news release dated September 16, 2019, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels.

Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: [https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/](https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0720.


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