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2023/24 Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts Red Sea Cucumber Guideline Harvest Levels and Fishery Information

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has established guideline harvest levels (GHLs) for the 2023/24 commercial red sea cucumber season in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula Districts. Guideline harvest levels are based on historical fishery performance and harvest data, and are as follows:

District/Section	Sea cucumber GHL (eviscerated pounds)
Kodiak	
Northeast Section	5,000
Eastside Section	40,000
Southeast Section	30,000
Southwest Section	20,000
Westside Section	10,000
North Mainland Section	5,000
South Mainland Section	5,000
Semidi Island Section	5,000
Total Kodiak	120,000
Chignik	15,000
South Peninsula	
Eastern Section	10,000
Western Section	10,000
Total South Peninsula	20,000

The 2023/24 red sea cucumber season opens by regulation September 15, 2023 in the Chignik District and October 1, 2023 in the Kodiak and South Peninsula Districts, however fishing may only occur during fishing periods which ADF&G will establish by emergency order and announce in subsequent advisory announcements. ADF&G will assess distribution of effort and fishery performance throughout the 2023/24 season. Poor fishery performance may result in district or section closures prior to achieving the full GHL.

Prior to fishing, each diver is required to obtain a current sea cucumber dive gear interim-use permit card from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a valid diver registration or commissioner permit from ADF&G. Divers must secure a market prior to harvesting sea cucumbers. Participation in the Kodiak District

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fishery requires a different CFEC interim-use permit card (Q11K) than is required in the Chignik and South Peninsula District fisheries (Q11B). All divers are required to submit completed logbooks to ADF&G after each fishing period. Registration forms, commissioner permits, and logbooks are available from the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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