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# 2023/24 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024:

## District 14:

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

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024:

### District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30).

The following area will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024:

### District 12:

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

The following areas will be open with a 2,500-pound area specific trip limit from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 7, Monday, January 8, and Tuesday, January 9, 2024:

### **District 3:**

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

### **District 8:**

South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30);

### **District 13:**

Baranof Island Shoreline, Necker and Rakof Islands, West Crawfish Inlet, and Crawfish Inlet (Subdistricts 113-31, 32, and 33);

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41).

Fishers and processors are reminded that an accurate fish ticket is required at the time of delivery. A fish ticket must be filled out according to 5 AAC 39.130(c). Fishers must verify at the time of landing with the tender or processor that all information is accurate before signing the fish ticket, including statistical area, pounds of sea cucumbers harvested, and any overages.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 31, 2023, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, January 11, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M0224.

2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Weeks 53/1								
Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL				
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	63,700	59,849	CLOSED				
Boca De Quadra	101-30	75,700	67,215	8,485				
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm & East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	107,000	104,820	CLOSED				
West Behm Canal	101-85	47,200	44,989	CLOSED				
Moira Sound	102-30	146,100	143,713	CLOSED				
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	65,600	65,772	CLOSED				
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	108,000	50,677	57,323				
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	79,700	84,356	CLOSED				
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	229,400	229,085	CLOSED				
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	79,300	78,868	CLOSED				
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	29,500	28,524	CLOSED				
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	22,800	21,432	CLOSED				
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	11,400	***	***				
Southeast Baranof	109-10	21,400	19,363	CLOSED				
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	129,200	118,103	CLOSED				
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	72,300	***	***				
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	107,400	***	***				
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	49,300	***	***				
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	209,800	208,127	CLOSED				
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	18,200	***	***				
Totals		1,673,000	1,490,830	158,471				

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