

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Sam Rabung, Director

Region I, Petersburg Area Office
PO Box 667
Petersburg, AK 99833



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement
For Immediate Release: January 11, 2024

CONTACT: Troy Thynes
Region I Management Coordinator
troy.thynes@alaska.gov
(907) 772-3801

**2023/24 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024:**

District 3:

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

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 14, Monday, January 15, and Tuesday, January 16, 2024:**

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).

The following areas will **remain closed until further notice:**

District 8:

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

District 12:

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

District 14:

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

There are currently no processors interested in purchasing sea cucumbers from the Juneau and Petersburg management areas. The combined guideline harvest level of 11,000 pounds from South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30), Northern Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-16, 17, 63, and 65), and Excursion Inlet and Homeshore (Subdistricts Sea Cucumber Fishery SW 3

114-25-002 and 114-80) will be available until the season closes by regulation on March 31, 2024. The department will consider reopening these areas if there is expressed interest. Interested divers and processors should contact Area Management staff with plans prior to 12:00 noon on Thursday for a potential fishery the following week.

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 18, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M0324.

State offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 2**

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	89,677	18,323
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	1,544,927	104,374

*** Confidential data

Advisory announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3255