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

The following area will be closed for the remainder of the 2023/24 season:

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 21, Monday, January 22, and Tuesday, January 23, 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 area will **remain closed until further notice:**

District 1:

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30).

There are currently no processors purchasing sea cucumbers from the Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Juneau management areas. The remaining guideline harvest level (GHL) of 17,000 pounds from Boca de Quadra (101-30), 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 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 GHLs. The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, January 25, 2024.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M0424.

**2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 3**

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	***	***
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	109,141	CLOSED
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	1,566,959	83,483

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