



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **with an 800-pound area specific harvest limit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2024:**

Southern Gravina Island (Subdistrict 101-29-005): will be open for a remaining harvest of 6,600 pounds of geoduck.

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, January 24, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2024:**

Nakat Bay (Subdistrict 101-11-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 7,300 pounds of geoduck;

Kelp Island (Subdistrict 101-21-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 47,200 pounds of geoduck;

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 15,600 pounds of geoduck;

Little Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-002): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 15,400 pounds of geoduck.

Dive fishermen are reminded that the provisions of 5 AAC 38.142 (n) remain in effect. A CFEC permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of geoduck during a weekly opening. No more than 800 pounds of this weekly limit may be harvested from the Southern Gravina Island area.

For a description of the above area, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery announcement dated September 8, 2023, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels. **All geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.** Companies buying geoduck must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office with a harvest report before 12:00 noon on Friday, January 26, 2024.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M0524.

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

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