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**Advisory Announcement**  
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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 13:**

Sitka Sound (Subdistricts 113-38 and 41).

The following area will be open **from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024:**

**District 1:**

Boca de Quadra (Subdistrict 101-30).

The following area will be open **with a 2,500-pound area specific trip limit from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024:**

**District 12:**

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

The following area will be open **with a 2,500-pound area specific trip limit from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12, 2024:**

**District 13:**

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

There is currently limited interest in purchasing sea cucumbers in the region. The remaining guideline harvest levels (GHL) from South Mitkof and North Zarembo Islands (Subdistrict 108-30) 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, March 14, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M1724.

**2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 10**

<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHLS</b>	<b>Harvest to Date</b>	<b>Remaining GHLS</b>
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	<b>63,700</b>	59,849	<b>CLOSED</b>
Boca De Quadra	101-30	<b>75,700</b>	***	***
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm & East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	<b>107,000</b>	104,820	<b>CLOSED</b>
West Behm Canal	101-85	<b>47,200</b>	44,989	<b>CLOSED</b>
Moira Sound	102-30	<b>146,100</b>	143,713	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	<b>65,600</b>	65,772	<b>CLOSED</b>
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	<b>108,000</b>	109,141	<b>CLOSED</b>
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	<b>79,700</b>	84,356	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	<b>229,400</b>	229,085	<b>CLOSED</b>
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	<b>79,300</b>	78,868	<b>CLOSED</b>
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	<b>29,500</b>	28,524	<b>CLOSED</b>
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	<b>22,800</b>	21,432	<b>CLOSED</b>
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	<b>11,400</b>	***	***
Southeast Baranof	109-10	<b>21,400</b>	19,363	<b>CLOSED</b>
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	<b>129,200</b>	118,103	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	<b>72,300</b>	***	***
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	<b>107,400</b>	74,188	<b>33,212</b>
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	<b>49,300</b>	49,520	<b>CLOSED</b>
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	<b>209,800</b>	208,127	<b>CLOSED</b>
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	<b>18,200</b>	***	***
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,673,000</b>	<b>1,602,515</b>	<b>48,147</b>

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