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2024/25 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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, February 9, Monday, February 10, Tuesday, February 11, and Wednesday, February 12, 2025:

District 3

Hetta Inlet, Nutkwa Inlet, and Keete Inlet (Subdistricts 103-23 and 25);

Trocadero Bay (Subdistrict 103-60).

There is currently limited interest in purchasing sea cucumbers in the region. The remaining guideline harvest level (GHL) from Chatham Strait and Kelp Bay (Subdistricts 112-11, 21, and 22) will be available until the season closes by regulation on March 31, 2025. The department will consider reopening these areas if there is expressed interest. Interested divers and processors should contact Sitka 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 28, 2024, announcing the open areas and their GHLs. The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, February 13, 2025**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M0825.

2024/25 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Week 6

	Statistical		Harvest	Remaining
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	to Date	GHL
Tree Point	101-10 and 11	228,700	222,777	CLOSED
Percy Islands	101-25	153,000	183,924	CLOSED
West Behm Canal	101-90 and 95	175,000	179,089	CLOSED
Lower Clarence Strait	102-20	13,000	12,535	CLOSED
Kasaan Bay & Skowl Arm	102-60	304,000	305,241	CLOSED
Cleveland Peninsula	102-80	65,100	65,387	CLOSED
Hetta, Nutkwa, & Keete Inlet	103-23 and 25	102,600	***	***
Trocadero Bay	103-60	23,200	***	***
Snow Pass	106-30	152,900	153,774	CLOSED
Chatham Strait & Kelp Bay	112-11, 21, and 22	193,700	180,561	13,139
E Tenakee Inlet	112-41 and 42	49,900	47,389	CLOSED
W Tenakee Inlet	112-43 to 48	85,900	83,933	CLOSED
Salisbury Sound & Peril Strait	113-62 to 66	212,900	212,310	CLOSED
Totals		1,759,900	1,746,400	39,459

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