



Advisory Announcement
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2025/26 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY

The 2025/26 Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck season begins by regulation on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, with a guideline harvest level (GHL) of **443,600 pounds** of geoduck. The first opening is planned for October 1 depending on paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) test results.

Guideline Harvest Levels by Area

District 1

Nakat Bay (Subdistrict 101-11-001): will be open for a GHL of **32,400 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Nakat Bay, Sitklan Passage, Lincoln Channel, and Tongass Passage east of the longitude of Tree Point Light at 130°56.03' W long, south of a line from 54°48.29' N lat, 130°47.40' W long to the northernmost tip of Slim Island at 54°48.29' N lat, 130°46.95' W long to north of High Point at 54°47.79' N lat, 130°44.37' W long to the southwestern entrance of Fillmore Inlet at 54°47.60' N lat, 130°38.19' W long to Point Phipp at 54°46.56' N lat, 130°37.25' W long, and north of the U.S. Canadian border.

North Kirk Point to Bullhead Cove (Subdistrict 101-23-003): will be open for a GHL of **20,700 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the mainland shore north of the latitude of Kirk Point at 54°59.98' N lat and south of a line from Kah Shakes Point at 55°03.66' N lat, 130°59.43' W long to west of Bullhead Cove at 55°03.23' N lat, 131°02.80' W long.

Percy Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-002): will be open for a GHL of **51,400 pounds** of geoduck in those waters west of a line from Moss Point at 55°01.21' N lat, 131°33.80' W long to Sealed Passage at 54°55.80' N lat, 131°30.45' W long, north of a line from Sealed Passage at 54°55.80' N lat, 131°30.45' W long to Clarence Strait at 54°54.71' N lat, 131°39.00' W long, and east of 131°39.00' W long, approximately 1.7 nautical miles east of Point Davison.

Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003): will be open for a GHL of **97,200 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Felice Strait west of 131°27.59' W long and east of a line from Point White at 54°55.92' N lat, 131°29.72' W long to Sealed Passage at 54°55.80' N lat, 131°30.45' W long to Moss Point at 55°01.21' N lat, 131°33.80' W long.

Nehenta Bay (Subdistrict 101-29-001): will be open for a GHL of **34,200 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the western shore of Gravina Island south of 55°16.18' N lat and north of 55°11.65' N lat.

Middle Gravina Island (Subdistrict 101-29-002): will be open for a GHL of **42,600 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the western shore of Gravina Island south of 55°19.12' N lat and north of 55°16.18' N lat.

Vallenar Bay (Subdistrict 101-29-004): will be open for a GHL of **31,200 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the western shore of Gravina Island south of the latitude of Vallenar Point at 55°25.57' N lat and north of the latitude of South Vallenar Point at 55°22.83' N lat.

Southern Gravina Island (Subdistrict 101-29-005): will be open for a GHF of **16,700 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the western shore of Gravina Island south of 55°11.65' N lat and north of the latitude of Dall Head at 55°07.74' N lat.

District 3

Kaigani Strait (Subdistrict 103-30-001): will be open for a GHF of **22,300 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Kaigani Strait south of a line from Luke Point at 54°55.76' N lat, 132°53.75' W long to the northwest shore of Long Island at 54°55.49' N lat, 132°48.87' W long and north of a line from the southernmost tip of Long Island at 54°45.06' N lat, 132°38.20' W long to the easternmost tip of Cape Muzon at 54°40.50' N lat, 132°40.42' W long.

Tlevak Strait (Subdistricts 103-40-009, 103-50-009): will be open for a GHF of **35,000 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Tlevak Strait north of a line from Reef Point at 55°03.66' N lat, 132°58.37' W long to north of Kellogg Point at 55°08.12' N lat, 132°52.94' W long and west of a line from Sukkwan Island at 55°09.23' N lat, 132°53.85' W long to southeast of Halibut Nose at 55°12.22' N lat, 133°0.80' W long to Natalia Point at 55°13.97' N lat, 133°02.74' W long to Prince of Wales Island at 55°16.46' N lat, 133°04.74' W long and in those waters of Meares Passage and Ulloa Channel north of a line from Eagle Point at 55°16.46' N lat, 133°04.74' W long to west of Eagle Point at 55°14.68' N lat, 133°14.47' W long and east of a line from southeast of Point San Antonio at 55°16.84' N lat, 133°13.00' W long to the easternmost tip of Suemez Island at 55°16.51' N lat, 133°13.16' W long then south along the eastern shoreline of Suemez Island to west of Eagle Point at 55°14.68' N lat, 133°14.47' W long with the following restriction:

View Cove, Baldy Bay, Coco Harbor, and Windy Cove: all waters of View Cove, Baldy Bay, Coco Harbor, and Windy Cove are closed to the harvest of geoduck.

Bucareli Bay and contiguous waters (Subdistrict 103-50-003): will be open for a GHF of **9,400 pounds** of geoduck in those waters west of a line from Point Cuerbo at 55°28.50' N lat, 133°19.00' W long to Point Eugenia at 55°26.70' N lat, 133°17.80' W long to Point Miliflores at 55°24.41' N lat, 133°15.24' W long to Tranquil Point at 55°22.98' N lat, 133°13.46' W long, north of a line from Suemez Island at 55°20.66' N lat, 133°19.73' W long to the northernmost tip of Cape Flores at 55°21.20' N lat, 133°17.53' W long to the southernmost tip of Joe Island at 55°20.90' N lat, 133°17.00' W long then due east to Prince of Wales Island at 55°21.20' N lat, 133°16.70' W long, and north and east of a line from Point Arboleda at 55°19.10' N lat, 133°27.76' W long to Point San Roque at 55°20.13' N lat, 133°32.63' W long, and south and east of a line from the eastern shore of Baker Island at 55°22.83' N lat, 133°27.57' W long to the southern tip of Ignace Island at 55°22.83' N lat, 133°25.96' W long to Point Amargura at 55°27.04' N lat, 133°21.66' W long with the following restriction:

Port San Antonio: all waters of Port San Antonio are closed to the harvest of geoduck.

Ulitka Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-001): will open for a GHF of **9,400 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the northern shoreline of Noyes Island east of the longitude of Cape Ulitka at 133°43.52' W long and west of 133°41.33' W long.

Little Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-002): will be open for a GHF of **13,500 pounds** of geoduck in those waters along the northern shoreline of Noyes Island east of 133°41.33' W long and west of 133°39.04' W long.

Davidson Inlet (Subdistrict 103-90-004): will open for a GHF of **14,000 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Sea Otter Sound and Davidson Inlet west of 133°27.70' W long, east of 133°43.37' W long, and north of a line from Turn Point at 55°50.79' N lat, 133°21.60' W long to the southernmost tip of Whale Head Island at 55°51.09' N lat, 133°40.96' W long to Alice Rocks at 55°49.46' N lat, 133°55.63' W long with the following restrictions:

Edna Bay: will be closed north of a line from 55°55.90' N lat, 133°37.75' W long to Limestone Point at 55°56.33' N lat, 133°37.02' W long;

Token Cove: will be closed south of a line from the northwest shore of Marble Island at 55°59.75' N lat, 133°28.05' W long to 55°59.58' N lat, 133°28.90' W long;

Unnamed bay on the northwest shore of Marble Island: will be closed east of a line from 55°59.27' N lat, 133°29.36' W long to 55°58.20' N lat, 133°29.36' W long.

Districts 3 and 5

Warren Island and Kosciusko Island (Subdistricts 103-90-005, 105-41-005, 105-43-005, 105-50-005): will open for a GH of **13,600 pounds** of geoduck in those waters of Warren Channel and Sumner Strait north of a line from the southernmost tip of Whale Head Island at 55°51.09' N lat, 133°40.96' W long to Alice Rocks at 55°49.46' N lat, 133°55.63' W long, east of a line from Alice Rocks to Borlase Rocks at 55°54.97' N lat, 133°57.74' W long to 56°08.66' N lat, 133°44.58' W long, south of 56°08.66' N lat, and west of the shoreline of Kosciusko Island from 56°08.66' N lat, 133°37.30' W long to the southernmost tip of Kosciusko Island at 55°53.96' N lat, 133°43.37' W long then due south to 55°50.81' N lat, 133°43.37' W long with the following restriction:

Unnamed cove on the western shore of Kosciusko Island: will be closed east of a line from 56°03.27' N lat, 133°42.07' W long to 56°02.87' N lat, 133°42.30' W long.

Inseason Management Plan

In the Ketchikan management area, weekly PSP results are expected on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings. Based on the PSP test results, the ADF&G will release a fishery advisory announcement for a weekly harvest period, which will generally occur from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, as recommended by the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association. However, if sampling is delayed, the fishing period may also be delayed up to one day.

In the Sitka management area (District 13), it is expected that the 2025/26 season will be delayed until the summer of 2026. The Sitka fishery openings will be announced before that time.

A valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit and a 2025/26 Alaska Department of Fish & Game registration for the Ketchikan and Sitka management areas are required prior to commercial harvest of geoduck. Harvesters are required to contact ADF&G at least 48 hours prior to fishing in a new management area.

The geoduck fishery will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Friday, November 21, through Tuesday, December 2, 2025, and for Christmas and New Year's holidays from Friday, December 19, 2025, through Tuesday, January 6, 2026. State agencies will be closed on the following State holidays: October 17 (Alaska Day, observed), November 11 (Veteran's Day), November 27 (Thanksgiving Day), December 25 (Christmas Day), January 1 (New Year's Day), January 19 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 16 (President's Day), March 30 (Seward's Day), May 25 (Memorial Day), June 19 (Juneteenth Day), July 3 (Independence Day, observed), and September 7 (Labor Day).

There is an overage-underage policy in place for the commercial geoduck fishery designed to maintain the geoduck harvest rate at 2% of the surveyed biomass, consistent with 5 AAC 38.142(g). Harvest from the 2025/26 season that is over or under the specified GH will be subtracted or added, respectively, to the GH for the next fishery rotation for each area until such time as the GH is revised based on a new survey of the area.

For the 2025/26 season, geoduck logbooks are voluntary. Logbooks are available at local ADF&G offices and can be turned in with fish tickets or mailed directly to the Douglas ADF&G office, C/O Max Schoenfeld at P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811-0024.

Inorganic arsenic testing continues for the Nakat Bay, Percy Islands, Nehenta Bay, and District 3 areas. The other areas passed inorganic arsenic testing and therefore may be sold to mainland China this season. Please contact the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association for more information.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2025.

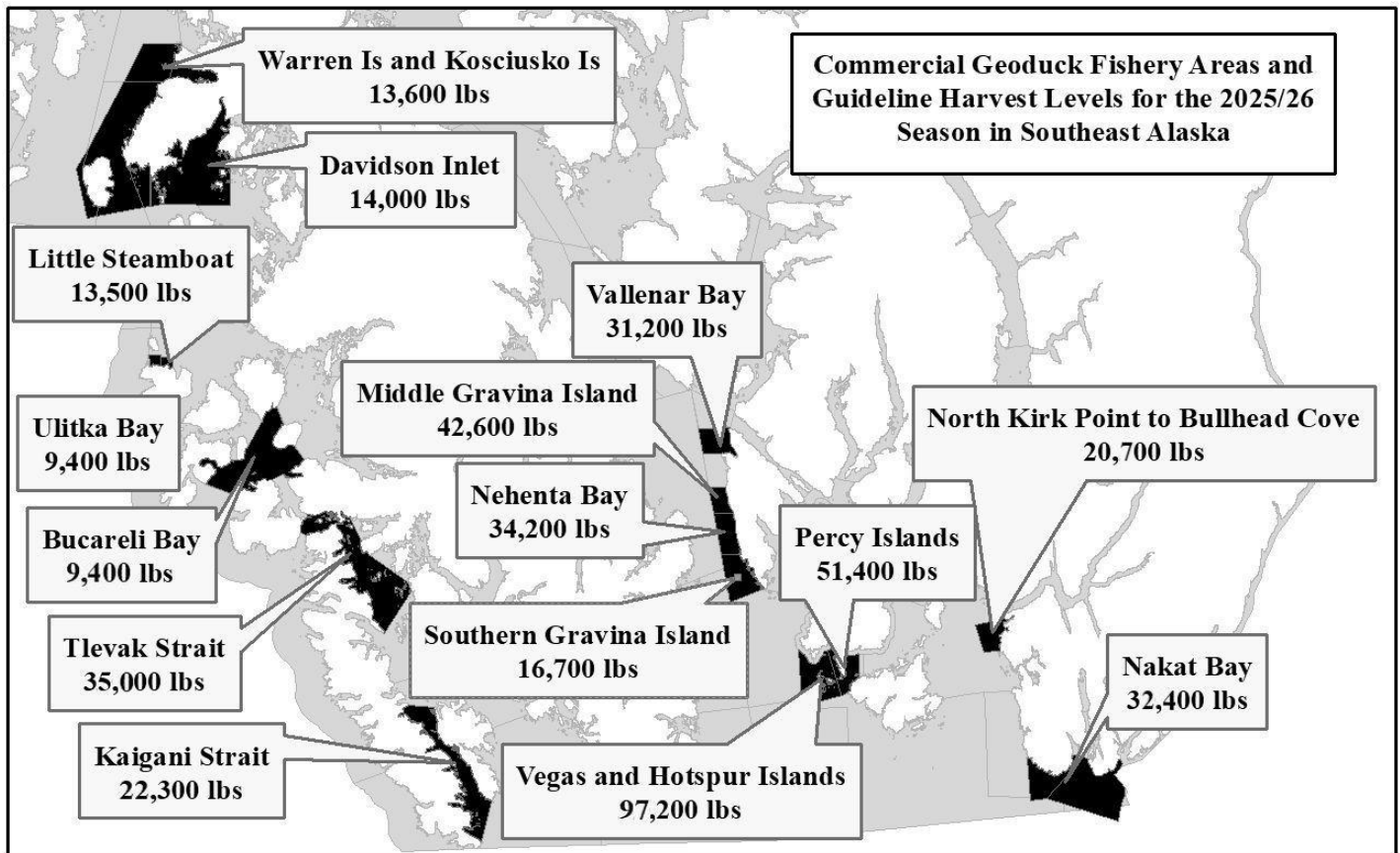


Figure 1. Commercial geoduck fishery areas for the Ketchikan Management Area with guideline harvest levels for the 2025/26 season.

Note: This chart is for general reference purposes only and does not identify boundaries of open areas. See written descriptions above for detailed descriptions of open areas.

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