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**2025/26 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following areas will be closed, but may reopen with diver interest:

District 9

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

District 11

Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50);

District 12

Freshwater Bay and Western Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50);

Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25);

District 13

Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Nakwasina Sound (Subdistricts 113-40, 41, 42, and 43).

The following areas will be open **from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, Monday, April 6, Tuesday, April 7, and Wednesday, April 8, 2026:**

District 1

Rudyerd Bay, East Behm Canal, and Walker Cove (Subdistricts 101-51, 60, 71, and 73);

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80).

A proposal adopted into regulation by the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the 2025 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting allows the department to extend the season beyond March 31 to April 30 by emergency order. Permit holders with a viable market wishing to fish areas with remaining guideline harvest level (GHL) need to contact the department no later than noon on Thursday of the week prior to when fishing would occur. There is currently limited interest in purchasing sea cucumbers in the region, but if this changes, areas with substantial remaining GHLs can be reopened until April 30, 2026.

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. Sea cucumber harvest must be reported to the department by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday each week.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 28, 2025, announcing the open areas and their GHLS. **The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on Thursday, April 9, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M1926.

**2025/26 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 14**

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	47,800	42,300	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	58,100	56,300	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	179,900	173,900	CLOSED
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	120,200	118,900	CLOSED
Tongass Narrows	101-47	84,100	83,100	CLOSED
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	47,500	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	69,600	***	***
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	228,600	242,100	CLOSED
Clarence Strait	102-50	86,900	84,300	CLOSED
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	196,900	212,100	CLOSED
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	55,900	39,700	16,200
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	42,900	37,500	5,400
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	141,900	101,900	40,000
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	10,800	0	10,800
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	31,900	28,600	CLOSED
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	171,400	***	***
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	131,700	123,800	CLOSED
Totals		1,706,100	1,518,700	186,700

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