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Your Comment

The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) submitted Proposal 189 which would allow for increasing the number of geoduck divers from 2 to 4 late in the

season to make it more economical for divers to participate in either more remote areas or in areas of small trip limits. The new proposed regulation would read:

1. The commissioner may by emergency order modify the number of CFEC geoduck permit holders able to be onboard or fish from a registered vessel to four divers.

SARDFA would like to modify it to read:

1. The commissioner may by emergency order modify the number of CFEC geoduck permit holders able to be onboard or fish from a registered vessel to four divers when the total regional trip limit is four hundred pounds or less.

By adding the 400 pound trip limit or less removes any uncertainities ADF&G would have as to when to impliment the EO.