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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale with a 500-pound area specific harvest limit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 9, 2020:

Percy Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-002): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 17,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

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<u>Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003)</u>: will be open for a guideline harvest level of 66,800 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

All geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest. All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before **12:00 noon on Friday**, **January 10, 2020**.

Fishermen are reminded that in accordance with 5 AAC 38.142(n), a CFEC permit holder may not harvest, land or possess more than 1,000 pounds of geoduck, measured whole and unshucked, during any weekly fishing period.

For a description of the above area, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck fishery news release dated September 16, 2019, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0220.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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