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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 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2020:

<u>Vegas and Hotspur Islands (Subdistrict 101-25-003)</u>: will be open for a remaining harvest of 43,000 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, May 8, 2020.

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.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0620.

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