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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 areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale **from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 17, and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020:**

Kaigani Strait (Subdistrict 103-30-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of 23,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Tlevak Strait (Subdistricts 103-40-009, 103-50-009): will be open for a remaining harvest of 39,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Portillo Channel (Subdistrict 103-50-008): will be open for a remaining harvest of 6,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Fishermen are reminded that unless otherwise specified, regulations regarding the geoduck fishery are stated in 5 AAC 38.142: Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan.

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. All companies buying geoduck clams must contact the Fish and Game, Ketchikan office before **12:00 noon on Friday, June 19, 2020.**

Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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 1M1220.

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