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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck for live sale from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, and from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 2, 2020:

East San Fernando (Subdistrict 103-60-001): will be open for a remaining harvest of approximately 25,000 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 Monday, July 6, 2020. Please be aware that Friday, July 3, is the observed 4th of July holiday and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices will be closed.

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: <u>https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</u>.

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