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2020/21 Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula District Red Sea Cucumber Guideline Harvest Levels and Fishery Information

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has established guideline harvest levels (GHLs) for the 2020/21 commercial red sea cucumber season in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula districts. Guideline harvest levels are based on historical fishery performance and harvest data, and are as follows:

District/Section	Sea cucumber GHL (eviscerated pounds)
Kodiak	
Northeast Section	5,000
Eastside Section	40,000
Southeast Section	30,000
Southwest Section	20,000
Westside Section	20,000
North Mainland Section	5,000
South Mainland Section	5,000
Semidi Island Section	5,000
Total Kodiak	130,000
Chignik	15,000
South Peninsula	
Eastern Section	10,000
Western Section	10,000
Total South Peninsula	20,000

The 2020/21 red sea cucumber season opens by regulation September 15, 2020 in the Chignik District and October 1, 2020 in the Kodiak and South Peninsula districts, however fishing may only occur during fishing periods which ADF&G will establish by emergency order and announce in subsequent advisory announcements. ADF&G will assess distribution of effort and fishery performance throughout the 2020/21 season. Poor fishery performance may result in district or section closures prior to achieving the full GHL.

Prior to fishing, each diver is required to obtain a current sea cucumber dive gear interim-use permit card from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and a valid diver registration or commissioner permit from ADF&G. Divers must secure a market prior to harvesting sea cucumbers. Participation in the Kodiak District

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fishery requires a different CFEC interim-use permit card (Q11K) than is required in the Chignik and South Peninsula districts fisheries (Q11B). All divers are required to submit completed logbooks to ADF&G after each fishing period. Due to health concerns related to COVID-19, divers are encouraged obtain registration forms, commissioner permits, and logbooks by mail, email (nathaniel.nichols@alaska.gov) or fax (907-486-1824), however all fishery related documents are also available in-person at the ADF&G office in Kodiak.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

COVID-19

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/>.

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