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Advisory Announcement

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Kodiak District Red Sea Cucumber Fishing Period #4 Extension #3

Emergency Order 4-S-04-21

The current commercial red sea cucumber fishing period in the Northeast, Southwest, Westside, North Mainland, South Mainland, and Semidi Island Overlap Sections of the Kodiak District will be extended for an additional 7 days from 12:00 noon January 26, 2021 through 11:59 a.m. February 2, 2021.

As previously announced: The Northeast, Southwest, Westside, North Mainland, South Mainland, and Semidi Island Overlap Sections of the Kodiak District opened for a commercial red sea cucumber fishing period at 12:00 noon January 5, 2021 and the fishing period was extended on January 11, 2021 and January 19, 2021 (Emergency Orders 4-S-01-21, 4-S-02-21, and 4-S-03-21).

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 from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Divers must secure a market prior to harvesting sea cucumbers. 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 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 Orders 5, 6, and 8, 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 Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/>

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