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**2022/23 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023:**

District 11

Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50).

The following area will be open from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023:**

District 12

Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25).

The following areas will be open **with a 2,500-pound area specific trip limit from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, Monday, February 6, and Tuesday, February 7, 2023:**

District 1

East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay (Subdistricts 101-51 and 55);

Rudyerd Bay, East Behm Canal, and Walker Cove (Subdistricts 101-51, 60, 71, and 73);

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80);

District 9

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

District 12

Freshwater Bay and Western Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 26, 2022, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, February 9, 2023.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0923.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 5**

Area Description	Statistical Area(s)	GHL	Harvest to Date	Remaining GHL
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	50,076	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	51,300	41,007	CLOSED
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	226,100	221,460	CLOSED
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	187,300	183,149	CLOSED
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	CLOSED
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	72,408	19,392
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	62,091	11,009
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	224,883	CLOSED
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	108,658	CLOSED
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	180,318	CLOSED
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	***	***
Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands	110-21,22	98,800	94,393	CLOSED
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	20,900	***	***
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	133,400	77,680	55,720
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	26,900	***	***
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	42,700	40,131	CLOSED
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	134,600	135,825	CLOSED
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	118,700	116,908	CLOSED
Totals		1,962,300	1,762,688	170,150

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