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**Advisory Announcement**  
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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 13, 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 13, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 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 12, Monday, February 13, and Tuesday, February 14, 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 16, 2023.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1023.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 6**

<b>Area Description</b>	<b>Statistical Area(s)</b>	<b>GHL</b>	<b>Harvest to Date</b>	<b>Remaining GHL</b>
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	50,076	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	51,300	41,007	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	226,100	221,460	<b>CLOSED</b>
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	187,300	183,149	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	90,530	<b>CLOSED</b>
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	***	***
Rudyard Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	***	***
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	224,883	<b>CLOSED</b>
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	108,658	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	180,318	<b>CLOSED</b>
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	***	***
Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands	110-21,22	98,800	94,393	<b>CLOSED</b>
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	20,900	***	***
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	133,400	110,856	<b>22,544</b>
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	<b>CLOSED</b>
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	134,600	135,825	<b>CLOSED</b>
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	118,700	116,908	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,962,300</b>	<b>1,809,327</b>	<b>122,177</b>

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