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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, March 20, 2023, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 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 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, Monday, March 20, Tuesday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 22, 2023:**

District 1

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

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, March 19, Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21, 2023:**

District 12

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

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 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, Monday, March 20, Tuesday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 22, 2023:**

District 1

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

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80).

There are currently no processors interested in purchasing sea cucumbers from the Sitka management area. The guideline harvest level from this area will be available until the season closes by regulation on March 31, 2023. The department will consider reopening this area if there is expressed interest. Interested divers and processors should contact Area Management staff with plans prior to 12:00 noon on Thursday for a potential fishery the following week.

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, March 23, 2023.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1723.

**2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery
Statistical Week 11**

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	181,078	CLOSED
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	91,370	CLOSED
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	CLOSED
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	104,988	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	***	***
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	***	***

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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