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2022/23 SITKA AREA COMMERCIAL GEODUCK FISHERY

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvesting of geoducks for live sale from **6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day from: Friday, August 11 to Tuesday, August 15, 2023:**

Biorka Channel and Legma Island Area (Subdistrict 113-31-003): will be open for the remainder of the guideline harvest level of 2,388 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Additional regulations and descriptions of the above areas can be found in the Advisory Announcement dated June 27, 2023.

Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2022-2023 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet. Divers are reminded that a permit holder may not harvest, land, or possess more than 1,000 pounds of whole and unshucked geoducks during any weekly fishing period.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the department must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoducks with an estimate of pounds harvested. All companies buying geoducks must contact the Fish and Game Sitka office before 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 17, 2023, with a harvest estimate by area.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2923.

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