Division of Commercial Fisheries Sam Rabung, Director

Region I, Petersburg Area Office PO Box 667 Petersburg, AK 99833



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 www.adfg.alaska.gov

CONTACT: Troy Thynes Region I Management Coordinator troy.thynes@alaska.gov (907) 772-3801

Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: April 26, 2024

2023/24 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY SUMMARY

The 2023/24 Southeast Alaska sea cucumber fishery **closed by regulation Sunday, March 31, 2024**. The fishery opened on October 2, 2023, with a total guideline harvest level (GHL) of 1,673,000 pounds of sea cucumbers. The fishery was opened weekly throughout the entire season. The 2023/24 season's harvest of 1,639,237 pounds was 2.0% under the total GHL. A total of 150 divers participated and made 1,342 landings. The maximum number of divers that participated in any single opening was 136 during the first and fourth openings of the season. The exvessel value was approximately \$8.5 million for the season, with an average price of \$5.22 per pound.

2023/24 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Summary

	Statistical	Statistical GHL		2023/2024	
Area Description	Area(s)	(pounds)	(pounds)	Closure Date	
West Shore of Gravina Island	101-29	63,700	59,849	Oct 2, 2023	
Boca De Quadra	101-30	75,700	73,397	Mar 31, 2024	
Revilla Channel, Thorne Arm & East Behm	101-41, 43, and 53	107,000	104,820	Oct 30, 2023	
West Behm Canal	101-85	47,200	44,989	Nov 6, 2023	
Moira Sound	102-30	146,100	143,713	Dec 11, 2023	
Thorne Bay & Kasaan Peninsula	102-70	65,600	65,772	Oct 24, 2023	
East Dall Island & Soda Bay	103-40	108,000	109,141	Jan 16, 2024	
Southern Ernest Sound	107-10	79,700	84,356	Nov 7, 2023	
Northern Ernest Sound	107-20	229,400	229,085	Nov 28, 2023	
Zimovia Strait & Anita Bay	107-30 and 35	79,300	78,868	Oct 23, 2023	
Bradfield, Blake & Eastern Passage	107-40 and 45	29,500	28,951	Dec 11, 2023	
Stikine Strait & Chichagof Passage	108-10, 20, and 40	22,800	21,432	Oct 31, 2023	
South Mitkof & North Zarembo	108-30	11,400	4,727	Mar 31, 2024	
Southeast Baranof	109-10	21,400	18,409	Dec 18, 2023	
Seymour Canal	111-11 and 14	129,200	118,103	Oct 24, 2023	
Northern Chatham Strait	112-16, 17, 63, and 65	72,300	74,205	Mar 12, 2024	
Baranof, Necker, Crawfish & W Crawfish	113-31, 32, and 33	107,400	105,585	Mar 19, 2024	
Sitka Sound	113-38 and 41	49,300	49,130	Mar 5, 2024	
Peril Strait	113-51, 52, 53, 54, and 59	209,800	208,125	Oct 24, 2023	
Excursion Inlet & Homeshore	114-25-002 and 114-80	18,200	16,580	Jan 8, 2024	
Totals		1,673,000	1,639,237		

Advisory announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3255