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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2025/26 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following areas will be open weekly from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, beginning Sunday, April 12, 2026, unless otherwise indicated in a subsequent announcement:

**District 1**

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

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80).

A proposal adopted into regulation by the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the 2025 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting allows the department to extend the season beyond March 31 to April 30 by emergency order. **Permit holders with a viable market wishing to fish areas with remaining guideline harvest level (GHL), including Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20), Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50), 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), and Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Nakwasina Sound (Subdistricts 113-40, 41, 42, and 43), need to contact the department no later than noon on Thursday of the week prior to when fishing would occur.** There is currently limited interest in purchasing sea cucumbers in the region, but if this changes, areas with substantial remaining GHLs can be reopened until April 30, 2026.

Fishers and processors are reminded that an accurate fish ticket is required at the time of delivery. A fish ticket must be filled out according to 5 AAC 39.130 (c). Fishers must verify at the time of landing with the tender or processor that all information is accurate before signing the fish ticket, including statistical area, pounds of sea cucumbers harvested, and any overages. Sea cucumber harvest must be reported to the department by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday each week.

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 28, 2025, announcing the open areas and their GHLs. **Subsequent advisory announcements may be released for fishery closures, changes to weekly fishing period, or the 2025/26 season closure.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1M2026.

**2025/26 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery  
Statistical Week 15**

<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	47,800	42,300	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	58,100	56,300	<b>CLOSED</b>
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	179,900	173,900	<b>CLOSED</b>
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	120,200	118,900	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tongass Narrows	101-47	84,100	83,100	<b>CLOSED</b>
Rudyerd Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	47,500	***	***
North Behm Canal	101-80	69,600	***	***
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	228,600	242,100	<b>CLOSED</b>
Clarence Strait	102-50	86,900	84,300	<b>CLOSED</b>
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	196,900	212,100	<b>CLOSED</b>
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	55,900	39,700	<b>16,200</b>
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	42,900	37,500	<b>5,400</b>
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	141,900	101,900	<b>40,000</b>
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	10,800	0	<b>10,800</b>
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	31,900	28,600	<b>CLOSED</b>
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	171,400	***	***
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	131,700	123,800	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,706,100</b>	<b>1,518,700</b>	<b>186,700</b>

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