

**PROPOSAL 188**

**5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan.**

Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows:

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(b) Sea Cucumbers may be taken from **the first Monday/Tuesday** [OCTOBER 1] **in October** through March 31 during the fishing period established by emergency order.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) would like to clarify that the opening week of the Registration Area A sea cucumber fishery starts during the first full week of October that includes a Monday and Tuesday.

In 2019 the first day of October fell on a Tuesday. Divers wanted a full fishing period (Monday and Tuesday) so ADF&G did not open the fishery the first week of October but opened the fishery on the second week.

SARDFA would like to change the wording of the current regulation to avoid this confusion in the future.

**PROPOSED BY:** Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (HQ-F20-100)

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