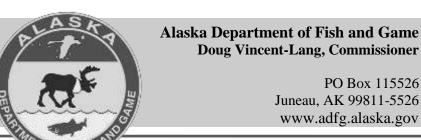
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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY UPDATE #02

The department flew an aerial survey of the Eastside, Alitak, and Westside of Kodiak Island on March 26. Survey conditions were excellent and visibility was great. A sizable biomass of herring was observed in the Eastside and Alitak Districts along with whales, birds and large groups of sea lions. One small spawning event was documented on the Eastside of Kodiak. Whales, birds, and sea lions were also documented in nearly all the bays on the Westside of Kodiak as well as the Danger Bay Section of the South Afognak District. The next aerial survey will be Tuesday March 31. An Advisory Announcement was issued March 25 describing open areas, guideline harvest levels, and fishing periods.

Reminder: All herring permit holders, buyers and tender operators participating are required to register with ADF&G Kodiak prior to operations. Participants wishing to register are encouraged not to visit the office in person and either email the department at dfg.dcf.kodiaksalmon@alaska.gov or call one of the following numbers:

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