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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #07 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-07-20

The **Outer Kiliuda (EA43), Inner Kiliuda (EA44) and Three Saints Bay (EA21)** sections of the **Eastside District closed** to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the 2020 Kodiak herring sac roe season at **9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020.**

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are closed for the remainder of the 2020 Kodiak herring sac roe season:

- (EA42) Shearwater Bay;
- (EA20) SW Sitkalidak
- (EA22) Newman Bay;
- (EA24) Barling Bay;
- (EA23) West Sitkalidak;
- (EA30) East Sitkalidak; and
- (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began at **noon Wednesday, April 1.** All herring **permit holders**, buyers and tender operators participating are **required to register** with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds prior to operations.

FISHING PERIODS:

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Uganik District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Alitak District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(SA10,20,30) Kitoi/Izhut/ MacDonalds Lagoon	65	(UG20) Viekoda Bay	15	(AL20) Inner Alitak	25
(WA31,32) Paramanof/ Foul bays	20	(UG21) Terror Bay	15	(AL21,22) Inner and Outer Deadman bays	50
(WA20) Malina Bay	10	(UG31) West Uganik Passage	30	(AL30) Sulua Bay	25
(WA10) Raspberry Strait	10	<u>Eastside District:</u>		(AL40) Lower Olga-Moser	25
(NA30) Perenosa Bay	10	(EA50) Outer Ugak Bay	150	(AL41) East Upper Olga	25
(NA50) Tonki	30	(EA51) Inner Ugak Bay	50	(AL50) West Upper Olga	25
<u>Northeast District:</u>				<u>Uyak District:</u>	
(NE10) Womens Bay	10			(UY30,32) Inner Uyak/ Browns Lagoon	30
(NE20) Kalsin Bay	10			(UY40) Zachar Bay	10
				UY50) Spiridon Bay	20
<u>Inner Marmot District</u>					
(IM40) Kizhuyak Bay	30				

EMERGENCY ORDER (EO) AREAS

These sections will be actively managed for roe quality and size of herring by the ADF&G management biologist aboard the R/V *K-Hi-C* or R/V *Resolution*. There will be at least 24-hour notice prior to any potential fishing period. ADF&G will attempt to target herring with approximately 11% roe recovery on the grounds. Permit holders wishing to fish in these sections are urged to contact the management biologist to volunteer for test fishing and discuss how the fishery will be managed. Purse seine permit holders will be given the first opportunity to fish after permit holders have detected harvestable quantities of quality fish.

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Uganik District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(SA40) Danger Bay	150	(UG30, 32,33,34) Village Is., NE Arm, E Arm, and S Arm Uganik Bay	150

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as EXPLORATORY, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>Mainland Districts:</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>
(NA20) Delphin Bay	(NM20) Inner Kukak Bay	(EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay	(MM10) Inner Katmai Bay	
	(MM30) Alinchak Bay	
<u>Alitak District:</u>	(MM40) Puale Bay	
(AL60) Geese/Twoheaded	(MM50) Portage Bay	
	(SM10) Wide Bay	

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2020 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's message phone at 486-4559.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.