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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #08 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-08-20

The **Geese-Twoheaded (AL60) Section** of the Alitak District **closed** to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the 2020 Kodiak herring sac roe season at **1:27 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020.**

So far this season, approximately 900 tons of herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area

As Previously Announced:

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

- (EA43) Outer Kiliuda Bay
- (EA44) Inner Kiliuda Bay
- (EA21) Three Saints Bay
- (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 (WA31,32) Paramanof/ Foul bays (WA20) Malina Bay (WA10) Raspberry Strait (NA30) Perenosa Bay (NA50) Tonki	65 20 10 10 10 30	(UG20) Viekoda Bay (UG21) Terror Bay (UG31) West Uganik Passage <u>Eastside District:</u> (EA50) Outer Ugak Bay (EA51) Inner Ugak Bay	15 15 30 150 50	(AL20) Inner Alitak (AL21,22) Inner and Outer Deadman bays (AL30) Sulua Bay (AL40) Lower Olga-Moser (AL41) East Upper Olga (AL50) West Upper Olga <u>Uyak District:</u> (UY30,32) Inner Uyak/ Browns Lagoon (UY40) Zachar Bay UY50) Spiridon Bay	25 50 25 25 25 25 30 10 20
<u>Northeast District:</u> (NE10) Womens Bay (NE20) Kalsin Bay	10 10				
<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> (NA20) Delphin Bay (WA40) Bluefox Bay	<u>Mainland Districts:</u> (NM20) Inner Kukak Bay (MM10) Inner Katmai Bay (MM30) Alinchak Bay (MM40) Puale Bay (MM50) Portage Bay (SM10) Wide Bay	<u>Eastside District:</u> (EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
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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/>.