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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #35 For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-35-20

The **Danger Bay Section (SA40)** of the **South Afognak District** opened at **10:30 a.m.** and closed at **11:02 a.m. Wednesday, April 29** to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the 2020 Kodiak herring sac roe season.

So far this season, approximately 3,850 tons of herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

As Previously Announced:

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

- (EA21) Three Saints Bay;
- (EA22) Newman Bay;
- (EA24) Barling Bay;
- (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage;
- (EA43) Outer Kiliuda Bay;
- (AL60) Geese-Twoheaded;
- (NE10) Womens Bay;
- (NA50) Tonki Bay;
- (UY30) Inner Uyak Bay;
- (UG21) Terror Bay;
- (UG30) Village Islands;
- (UG33) East Arm Uganik;
- (EA50) Outer Ugak Bay;
- (SA10) Kitoi Bay;
- (SA30) MacDonaldis Lagoon;
- (WA32) Foul Bay sections.
- (EA20) SW Sitkalidak;
- (EA23) West Sitkalidak;
- (EA30) East Sitkalidak;
- (EA42) Shearwater Bay;
- (EA44) Inner Kiliuda Bay;
- (NE20) Kalsin Bay;
- (IM40) Kizhuyak Bay;
- (UG31) West Uganik Passage;
- (UY32) Browns Lagoon;
- (WA10) Raspberry Strait Section;
- (UG32) Northeast Arm Uganik;
- (UG34) South Arm Uganik;
- (EA51) Inner Ugak Bay sections;
- (SA 20) Izhut Bay;
- (WA 31) Paramanof Bay; and

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> (WA20) Malina Bay	<u>GHL</u> 150	<u>Uyak District:</u> (UY40) Zachar Bay	<u>GHL</u> 100	<u>Alitak District:</u> (AL21,22) Inner and Outer Deadman bays	<u>GHL</u> 50
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The following areas are temporarily on **stand down** . The following areas may reopen to commercial sac roe herring fishing when department staff are available to assess the herring biomass and risk of overharvest:

<u>Afognak Districts:</u> NA30) Perenosa Bay	<u>GHL</u> 10	<u>Uganik District:</u> (UG20) Viekoda Bay	<u>GHL</u> 15	<u>Alitak District:</u> (AL20) Inner Alitak (AL30) Sulua Bay (AL40) Lower Olga-Moser (AL41) East Upper Olga (AL50) West Upper Olga	<u>GHL</u> 25 25 25 25 25
		<u>Uyak District:</u> (UY50) Spiridon Bay	20		

The following exploratory areas are temporarily on **stand down:** The following exploratory areas may reopen to commercial sac roe herring fishing when department staff are available to assess the herring biomass and risk of overharvest:

<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>.