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## **Advisory Announcement:**

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### **Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery Announcement #02** **For Emergency Order #4-FH-M-SP-02-20**

The Unimak District will open to commercial herring fishing from noon Monday, July 13, 2020 until further notice.

Fishermen must register with the department in Sand Point 48 hours prior to participating in the herring fishery and must possess a current Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit for the fishery. Processors and tenders must also register with the department prior to taking any herring. Fishermen should have a secure market before harvesting any herring.

Each permit holder registered for the fishery is required to report fishing activities and harvest to the department by noon each day regardless of whether or not they fished or harvested herring. Reports should be made to ADF&G in Sand Point by phone at (907) 383-2066.

Commercial fishing periods will be opened and closed by emergency order based upon anticipated fishing effort, harvest rates from previous openings, processing capacity, and herring abundance. The department will notify the fleet of subsequent fishing periods after catch reports are received and the amount of herring harvested during the prior period has been determined.

The 2020 Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation is 2,917 tons. For further information please contact ADF&G in Sand Point at (907) 383-2066.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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/>.

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