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2024/25 CRAIG/KLAWOCK WINTER FOOD AND BAIT HERRING GHL

The 2024/25 Craig/Klawock area herring guideline harvest level (GHL) is 6,036 tons. This is based on a forecasted mature spawning biomass of 30,182 tons of herring and a 20% harvest rate. Regulations state that 60% of the GHL is allocated to the winter food and bait fishery and 40% to the Section 3-B spawn-on-kelp pound fishery (5 AAC 27.185 [h]). This sets the GHL in the winter food and bait fishery at **3,622 tons** and the spawn-on-kelp GHL at 2,414 tons. The winter food and bait fishery will close by regulation February 28, 2025, unless closed earlier by emergency order. Any GHL amount not taken by the winter bait fishery will be allocated to the spawn-on-kelp fishery and announced by March 5, 2024. The forecasted mature biomass at age for 2025 is 10% age-3, 7% age-4, 42% age-5, 7% age-6, 8% age-7 and 26% age-8+ herring.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): **opened at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2024**, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquizar Point at 55°37.36' N lat, 133°23.86' W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.19' N lat, 133°24.84' W long to Point Cuerdo at 55°28.51' N lat, 133°19.00' W long to Point Miraballes at 55°25.87' N lat, 133°05.22' W long and in those waters of District 4 north and east of a line from Lontana Point at 55°12.25' N lat, 133°20.12' W long to Diver Point at 55°11.02' N lat, 133°14.36' W long with the following restriction:

Trocadero Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of the westernmost tip of Canoe Point at 133°01.48' W long.

Fishermen and operators of tendering vessels must obtain an ADF&G permit to participate in the winter food and bait fishery (5 AAC 27.179) prior to fishing. For the 2024/25 season, the terms of the permit stipulate: 1) the amount of herring harvested and delivery location be reported to the Ketchikan office for Section 3-B and District 4 by 12:00 noon on the day after fish were harvested; and 2) one 5-gallon bucket of herring is to be provided to the department from each delivery for sampling purposes. Permit applications are available at ADF&G area offices in Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, and Douglas.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1H1524.

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