



Advisory Announcement

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2025 TOGIAC HERRING OUTLOOK

The 2025 mature Togiak herring biomass forecast is 228,807 short tons, the fourth-highest forecast since 1993. Based on *The Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan* (5 AAC 27.865) an exploitation rate of 20% was used to set 2025 Togiak herring guideline harvest level (GHL) of 45,761 short tons in all fisheries. Harvest allocation, in accordance with the management plan will be:

Fishery	Harvest allocation
Spawn-on-kelp	1,500 tons
Dutch Harbor food and bait	3,098 tons
Togiak fishery	41,163 tons
Purse seine (70%)	28,814 tons
Gillnet (30%)	12,349 tons

This year's forecast is based on a median of aerial survey biomass estimates from the last 10 years (2015–2024) that received a confidence rating greater than 0.25. Since the 2024 survey had a low overall confidence rating (0.1 out of 1.0) and, therefore, was not included in the calculation and no new information was added to this assessment this year. Due to the lack of a fishery in 2023 and 2024, there was no age, sex, weight, and length data to run the standard statistical catch-at-age (SCAA) model. The SCAA model may be utilized for a future forecast if that data becomes available.

Processors have indicated that they do not intend to harvest herring in Togiak in 2025, and it is unlikely that a commercial fishery will occur. The lack of interest for the Togiak fishery does not impact the Dutch Harbor Food and Bait fishery or GHL.

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<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyfisheryherring.herringannouncements#central>