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## Advisory Announcement

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### **KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #02 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-02-24**

The Shearwater Bay Section (EA42) of the Eastside District and the Kalsin Bay Section (NE20) of the Northeast District closed to commercial herring fishing at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

So far this season, a confidential amount of sac roe herring has been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

#### **As Previously Announced:**

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 1, 2024. 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 fishing grounds prior to operations. The total 2024 Kodiak Area Sac Roe Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **8,200 tons**.

#### **REPORTING REQUIRMENTS:**

All Kodiak Sac Roe Herring Fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds immediately upon landing any commercial sac roe herring. Failure to do so will result in area closures.

#### **FISHING PERIODS:**

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be from noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

#### **DELAYED OPENING AREAS**

**The initial sac roe herring commercial fishing period will be delayed in the following areas until department staff are available to monitor the fishery. There will be a 24-hour advance notice prior to opening these areas:**

(EA50,51) Inner Ugak and Outer Ugak  
(UY 30,32) Inner Uyak and Browns Lagoon  
(UY 40,50) Zachar Bay and Spiridon Bay

## 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:

### Mainland Districts:

(NM20) Inner Kukak  
 (MM10) Inner Katmai  
 (MM30) Alinchak  
 (MM40) Puale Bay  
 (MM50) Portage Bay  
 (SM10) Wide Bay

## OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:

District	Area	Stat Areas	GHL	Open/Closed	Closure Date
Afognak	Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon	SA10,20,30	50	Open	
	Danger Bay	SA40	150	Open	
	Raspberry Strait	WA10	150	Open	
	Malina Bay	WA20	150	Open	
	Paramanof Bay/Foul Bay	WA31,32	400	Open	
	Tonki Bay	NA50	50	Open	
	Delphin, Perenosa	NA20,30	50	Open	
	<b>Afognak District Total</b>			<b>1,000</b>	
Eastside	Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak	EA10,20	100	Open	
	Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait, Barling Bay	EA21,22,23,24	400	Open	
	East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanganak Anchorage	EA30,31	1,000	Open	
	Shearwater Bay	EA42	400	Closed	4/17/2024
	Outer Kiliuda Bay, Inner Kiliuda Bay	EA43,44	500	Open	
	Outer Ugak, Inner Ugak	EA50,51	500	Open	
	<b>Eastside District Total</b>			<b>2,900</b>	
Uganik	Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage	UG20,21,31	1,000	Open	
	Village Islands, NE Arm, East Arm, South Arm	UG30,32,33,34	1,000	Open	
	<b>Uganik District Total</b>			<b>2,000</b>	
Uyak	Inner Uyak Bay, Browns Lagoon	UY30,32	500	Open	
	Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay	UY40,50	500	Open	
	<b>Uyak District Total</b>			<b>1,000</b>	
Inner Marmot/NE	Kalsin Bay	NE20	100	Closed	4/17/2024
	Kizhuyak Bay	IM40	400	Open	
	<b>Inner Marmot/NE District Total</b>			<b>500</b>	
Alitak	Inner Alitak, Deadman Bays, Sulua Bay	AL20, 21, 22, 30	500	Open	
	Olga Bay Sections	AL40, 41, 50	100	Open	
	Geese/Twoheaded	AL60	200	Open	
	<b>Alitak District Total</b>			<b>800</b>	
<b>Total Kodiak Management Area</b>			<b>8,200</b>		

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2024 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.