KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY NEWS RELEASE # 01
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The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery will begin at noon Monday, April 15, 2019. All herring permit holders, buyers and tender operators participating are required to register at the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds prior to operations. Fishing periods and guideline harvest levels (GHLs) by gear type and section are as follows:

**PURSE SEINE GEAR**
The first fishing period for most sections will begin at noon Monday, April 15, 2019. Purse seine fishing periods will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days (NINE-hour open periods), and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days (THREE-hour open periods) in only the following sections:

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<th>Alitak District:</th>
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<td>(AL20) Inner Alitak</td>
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<td>(AL21, 22) Inner and Outer</td>
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<td>(EA23) West Sitkalidak Strait</td>
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<td>Deadman bays</td>
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<td>(EA30) East Sitkalidak Strait</td>
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<td>(AL41) East Upper Olga Bay</td>
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PURSE SEINE GEAR (EMERGENCY ORDER) AREAS

The following sections will be open to purse seine gear, but the initial opening will be determined on the amount and quality of herring present:

Afognak Districts: GHL Uganik District: GHL
(SA40) Danger Bay 150 (UG30, 32,33,34) Village Is., NE Arm, E Arm, and S Arm Uganik Bay

The Danger Bay and Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections will be managed by emergency order. Test fishing may begin as early as noon Monday, April 15. Test fishing in these sections will be delayed until the R/V K-Hi-C is available. These sections or portions of these sections will open by EO from an ADF&G management biologist on the grounds. Fishing periods and specific areas to be opened in the Danger Bay and Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections will be determined in season.

Emergency order fisheries in the Danger Bay and Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections will allow orderly fisheries on high quality herring. Fisheries will only open after test fishing detects fishable quantities of good quality herring (size and roe content). Fisheries may be short in duration and limited in area. If enough herring are observed ADF&G will be seeking volunteer fishing vessels to make test sets beginning on April 15. Cooperation from fishing vessels and industry technicians are needed to test herring quality in these sections.

GILLNET GEAR

Fishing periods for gillnet sections will begin at noon Monday April 15, 2019 and remain open until further notice, in the following sections:

Afognak Districts: GHL Uganik District: GHL Alitak District: GHL
(WA20) Malina Bay 10 (UG20) Viekoda Bay 15 (AL30) Sulua Bay 25
(WA10) Raspberry Strait 10 (UG21) Terror Bay 15 (AL40) Lower Olga-Moser 25
(NA30) Perenosa Bay 10 (UG31) West Uganik Passage 30 Eastside District:
(NA50) Tonki 30

Northeast District:
(NE10) Womens Bay 10
(NE20) Kalsin Bay 10

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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:

Afognak Districts:
(NA20) Delphin Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay

Alitak District:
(AL60) Geese/Twoheaded

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

Eastside District:
(EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
(EA20) SW Sitkalidak
(EA22) Newman Bay
(EA31) Tanginak Anchorage

The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing for the entire sac roe season.

Beginning May 1, ADF&G may open any area with remaining herring GHLs to any gear group if the fishery is not likely to result in overharvest of the resource.

GHLs and maps of open sections and gear assignments are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2019 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.

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