KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY NEWS RELEASE # 04
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The following areas will open to both seine and gillnet gear for the remainder of the 2019 Kodiak sac roe herring season beginning at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday May 1, 2019.

Afognak Districts:
(SA10,20,30) Kitoi/Izhut/ MacDonalds Lagoon
(SA40) Danger Bay
(WA20) Malina Bay
(WA10) Raspberry Strait
(NA30) Perenosa Bay
(NA50) Tonki

GHL: 65

Uganik District:
(UG20) Viekoda Bay
(UG21) Terror Bay
(UA31) West Uganik

GHL: 15

Passage

Eastside District:
(EA21) Three Saints Bay
(EA23) West Sitkalidak
(EA24) Barling Bay
(EA30) East Sitkalidak
(EA43,44) Inner and Outer Kilidua bays

GHL: 30

(EA42) Shearwater Bay
(EA50) Outer Ugak Bay
(EA51) Inner Ugak Bay

GHL: 75

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

GHL: 10

Alitak District:
(NE20) Kalsin Bay

GHL: 25

As Previously Announced:
Purse seine fishing periods are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on both even and odd-numbered days (12-hour open periods). From May 8 through June 30, fishing periods for purse seines will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began 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 (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:

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

The Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections will be managed by emergency order. 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 Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections will be determined inseason.

Emergency order fisheries in the 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. Cooperation from fishing vessels and industry technicians are needed to test herring quality in these sections.

**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: Mainland Districts: Eastside District:
(NA20) Delphin Bay (NM20) Inner Kukak Bay (EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay (MM10) Inner Katmai Bay (EA20) SW Sitkalidak
Alitak District: (MM30) Alinchak Bay (EA22) Newman Bay
(AL60) Geese/Twoheaded (MM40) Puale Bay (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage

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

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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