



Advisory Announcement

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2020/21 SOUTHEAST ALASKA WINTER FOOD AND BAIT HERRING

The 2020/21 Southeast Alaska winter food and bait fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2020. Spawn deposition surveys were only completed for the Craig/Klawock area winter food and bait fisheries. A finalized forecast is not available at this time but based on the 2020 spawn deposition estimate the overall guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2020/2021 season is expected to be more than adequate to allow for the winter food and bait fishery to begin October 1. A formal forecast and GHL will be available in mid-November and will be announced at that time.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): will open at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2020, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquial Point at 55°37.36' N lat, 133°23.86' W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.25' 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.

District 7 (Ernest Sound): will be closed. Minimal herring spawn was observed, and a spawn deposition survey was not conducted in 2020. Therefore, a forecast for the 2020/21 season was not generated.

District 10 (Hobart Bay/Port Houghton): will be closed. Minimal herring spawn was observed, and a spawn deposition survey was not conducted in 2020. Therefore, a forecast for the 2020/21 season was not generated.

District 12 (Tenakee Inlet): will be closed. Minimal herring spawn was observed, and a spawn deposition survey was not conducted in 2020. Therefore, a forecast for the 2020/21 season was not generated.

For the 2020/21 season, the department is requiring that a permit be issued to fishermen prior to fishing. 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; 2) logbook forms must be completed and submitted with fish tickets; and 3) one 5-gallon bucket of herring is to be provided to the department from each delivery for catch sampling purposes.

Fishermen and operators of tendering vessels must obtain an ADF&G permit to participate in the Southeast Alaska Winter Food and Bait Herring Fishery (5 AAC 27.179). Permit applications are available at ADF&G area offices in Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Douglas free of charge.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1H0420.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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