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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #1 **For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-39-20**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is allowing permit holders to conduct a commercial herring food/bait fishery under the following guidelines:

- 1) Only one vessel will be allowed to fish for the combine at any time.
- 2) Each district will open and close by emergency order from the ADF&G management biologist on the fishing grounds or at the Kodiak ADF&G Office.
- 3) Each district will be closed for the remainder of the season when the guideline harvest level (GHL) is reached.

The West Afognak District (F/B 1), the Eastside District (F/B 8), the South Afognak District (F/B 3), the Uganik District (F/B 4), and the Uyak District (F/B 5) will open to commercial herring fishing at noon Saturday, November 14, 2020 and will remain open until further notice. The food/bait GHL for the West Afognak District is 45 tons, the Eastside District GHL is 101 tons, the GHL for the South Afognak District is 21 tons, the GHL for the Uganik District is 104 tons, and the GHL for the Uyak District is 48 tons.

The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing. Recent fishery information may be obtained at the Kodiak ADF&G office.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, 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>.