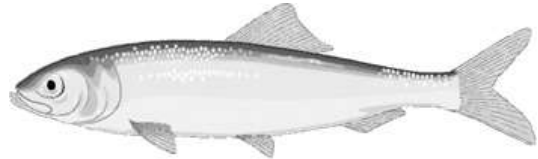


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**Togiak Herring
Announcement 8
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This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dillingham with an update regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

During a survey today department staff observed no gillnet vessels west of Right Hand Point. With a favorable weather outlook, it is likely that the gillnet effort will stay in the Kulukak area so the area west of Right Hand Point can reasonably be made available to the purse seine fleet. Therefore, effective at 3:00 p.m. May 20, the open gillnet area will revert to the Egg Island Section only. Effective at 4:00 p.m. May 20 the area open for purse seine fishing will expand to the longitude of Right Hand Point at 159° 55.00' west longitude. As previously announced, the purse seine fishery is open until 10:00 p.m. May 21; the gillnet herring fishery is open until further notice.

The purse seine harvest for May 19 was 2,150 tons, bringing the total purse seine harvest to 6,380 tons with an average roe content of 10.3% and an average weight of 344 grams. The gillnet harvest for May 19 was 244 tons, making the total gillnet harvest to date 735 tons with an average roe content of 12% and an average weight of 432 grams..

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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