



Advisory Announcement

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2021/22 SOUTHEAST ALASKA HERRING WINTER FOOD AND BAIT FISHERY

The 2021/22 Southeast Alaska herring winter food and bait fishery opens by regulation October 1. Herring spawn dive deposition surveys were only completed for the Craig/Klawock area fisheries. A finalized forecast is not available at this time but based on the 2021 spawn deposition estimate, the overall guideline harvest level (GHL) for the 2021/2022 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 and announced in late November or early December.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): **will open at 12:01 a.m., Friday, October 1, 2021**, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquital 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 2021. Therefore, a forecast for the 2021/22 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 2021. Therefore, a forecast for the 2021/22 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 2021. Therefore, a forecast for the 2021/22 season was not generated.

Fishermen and operators of tendering vessels must obtain an ADF&G permit to participate in the winter food and bait fishery (5 AAC 27.179) prior to fishing. For the 2021/22 season, the 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 sampling purposes. Permit applications are available at ADF&G area offices in Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, and Douglas free of charge.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1H1321.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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