Advisory Announcement

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2022/23 SOUTHEAST ALASKA HERRING WINTER FOOD AND BAIT FISHERY

The 2022/23 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 fishery.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): will open at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, October 1, 2022, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquizal Point at 55°37.36’ N lat, 133°23.86’ W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.19’ N lat, 133°24.84’ W long to Point Cuero 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.

The 2022/23 Craig/Klawock area total guideline harvest level (GHL) is 7,761 tons of herring calculated with a biomass accounting model. This GHL is based on a forecasted mature spawning biomass of 38,804 tons and a harvest rate of 20%. Regulations state that 60% of the GHL is allocated to the winter food and bait fishery and 40% to the Section 3-B spawn-on-kelp pound fishery (5 AAC 27.185 (h)). This sets the GHL in the winter food and bait fishery at 4,656 tons. Any GHL amount not taken by the winter bait fishery will be allocated to the spawn-on-kelp fishery and announced by March 6, 2023. The forecasted mature biomass at age for 2023 is 24% age-4, 20% age-5, 1% age-6, 45% age-7 and 2% age-8+ herring.

District 7 (Ernest Sound): will be closed. Minimal herring spawn was observed, and a spawn deposition survey was not conducted in 2022. Therefore, a forecast for the 2022/23 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 2022. Therefore, a forecast for the 2022/23 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 2022. Therefore, a forecast for the 2022/23 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 2022/23 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; and 2) 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.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1H1422.


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