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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #01 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-01-23

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery will begin at **noon Saturday, April 1, 2023**. All herring permit holders, buyers, and tender operators participating are **required to register** with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the fishing grounds prior to operations. The total 2023 Kodiak Area Sac Roe Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **8,650 tons**.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

All Kodiak Sac Roe Herring Fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds immediately upon landing any commercial sac roe herring. Failure to do so will result in area closures.

FISHING PERIODS:

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:

Afognak Districts	GHL
(SA10,20,30) Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon	100
(SA40) Danger Bay	300
(WA10) Raspberry Strait	150
(WA20) Malina Bay	200
(WA31,32) Paramanof/Foul Bays	600
(NA20,30) Delphin Bay, Perenosa Bay	75
(NA50) Tonki	75
Afognak Districts Total	1,500
Eastside District	GHL
(EA10, 20) Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak	100
(EA21,22,23,24) Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait, Barling Bay	400
(EA30,31) East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanginak Anchorage	1,000
(EA42) Shearwater Bay	300
(EA43,44) Inner Kiliuda Bay, Outer Kiliuda Bay	700
(EA50,51) Outer Ugak Bay, Inner Ugak Bay (<i>Delayed Opening Area</i>)	500
Eastside District	3,000

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Uganik District	GHL
(UG20,21,31) Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage	1,200
(UG30,32,33,34) Village Islands, NE Arm Uganik Bay, East Arm Uganik Bay, South Arm Uganik Bay	1,000
Uganik District Total	2,200
Uyak District	GHL
(UY30,32) Inner Uyak, Browns Lagoon (<i>Delayed Opening Area</i>)	500
(UY40,50) Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay (<i>Delayed Opening Area</i>)	500
Uyak District Total	1,000
Inner Marmot District/Northeast District	GHL
(IM40) Kizhuyak Bay	250
(NE20) Kalsin Bay	100
Inner Marmot/Northeast District Totals	350
Alitak District	GHL
(AL20 21,22 30) Inner Alitak, Sulua Bay, Inner & Outer Deadman Bay	300
(AL40, 41, 50) Lower Olga, East Upper Olga, West Upper Olga	100
(AL60) Geese/Twoheaded	200
Alitak District Total	600
Kodiak Management Area Total	8,650

DELAYED OPENING AREAS

The initial sac roe herring commercial fishing period will be delayed in the following areas until department staff are available to monitor the fishery. There will be a 24-hour advance notice prior to opening these areas:

(EA50,51) Inner Ugak and Outer Ugak
 (UY 30,32) Inner Uyak, Browns Lagoon
 (UY 40,50) Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as EXPLORATORY, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

Mainland Districts:

(NM20) Inner Kukak
 (MM10) Inner Katmai
 (MM30) Alinchak
 (MM40) Puale Bay
 (MM50) Portage Bay
 (SM10) Wide Bay

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2023 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's message phone at 486-4559.