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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #1 **For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-12-23**

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), the Alitak District (F/B 7), and the Uyak District (F/B 5) will open to commercial herring fishing at noon, October 11, 2023, and will remain open until further notice. The food/bait GHL for the West Afognak District is 95 tons, the Eastside District GHL is 300 tons, the GHL for the South Afognak District is 40 tons, the GHL for the Uganik District is 220 tons, the GHL for the Alitak District is 60 tons, and the GHL for the Uyak District is 100 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.