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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #1 For Emergency Orders #3-FH-K-3-24

The Kodiak herring Food/Bait fishery will begin at **noon Monday, October 7, 2024**. All herring **permit holders**, buyers, and tender operators participating will be **required to register** with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Kodiak office prior to operations. The total 2024 Kodiak Area Food/Bait Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **780 tons**.

ADF&G is allowing permit holders to conduct a commercial herring Food/Bait fishery under the following guidelines:

- 1) Each district will open and close by emergency order.
- 2) The Kodiak Food/Bait herring fishery will only take place within state waters.
- 3) All herring permit holders, buyers, and tender operators participating are required to register with the ADF&G Kodiak office.
- 4) All Kodiak Food/Bait herring fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office immediately upon landing any commercial herring. Failure to do so will result in adjacent area closures.
- 5) 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 Uganik District (F/B 4), the Alitak District (F/B 7), the Uyak District (F/B 5), and the Inner Marmot District (F/B 10) will open to commercial herring fishing at noon, October 7, and will remain open until further notice. **The Offshore West Afognak, Outer Uganik, and Offshore Uyak Bay Sections will remain closed for the herring food/bait fishery.**

The Food/Bait GHL for the West Afognak District is 70 tons, the Eastside District GHL is 290 tons, the GHL for the Uganik District is 200 tons, the GHL for the Alitak District is 80 tons, the GHL for the Uyak District is 100 tons, and the GHL for the Inner Marmot District 40 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.