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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #3 For Emergency Orders #3-FH-K-5-24

The Eastside District (F/B 9) and the Inner Marmot District (F/B 10) will close to commercial herring fishing at noon Monday, November 18.

As previously announced:

The West Afognak District (F/B 1) and the Uyak District (F/B 5) closed to commercial herring fishing at noon Friday, November 15.

The Kodiak herring Food/Bait fishery began at **noon Monday, October 7, 2024**. All herring **permit holders**, buyers, and tender operators participating are **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 Uganik District (F/B 4) and the Alitak District (F/B 7) 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 GHL for the Uganik District is 200 tons and the GHL for the Alitak District is 80 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.

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