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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #01 For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-06-25

The Kodiak herring food/bait fishery A season will begin at **9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 26**. 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 2025 Kodiak Area food/bait Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **1,410 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 South Afognak District (F/B 3), the Uganik District (F/B 4), the Uyak District (F/B 5), the Alitak District (F/B 7), the Eastside District (F/B 8), and the Inner Marmot District (F/B 10) will open to commercial herring fishing at 9:00 a.m. October 26, 2025, 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 100 tons, the GHL for the South Afognak District is 30 tons, the GHL for the Uganik District is 320 tons, the GHL for the Uyak District is 160 tons, the GHL for the Alitak District is 160 tons, the GHL for the Eastside District is 580 tons, and the GHL for the Inner Marmot District 60 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.