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Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery Advisory Announcement #02
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The Unalaska, Akutan, and Unimak Districts will **close** to commercial herring fishing at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2026, until 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 18.

The Unalaska, Akutan, and Unimak Districts will reopen to commercial herring fishing at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2026, until further notice.

Fishermen must register with the department in Sand Point 48 hours prior to participating in the fishery and must possess a current Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit for the fishery. Processors and tenders must also register with the department prior to taking any herring. Fishermen should have a secure market before harvesting any herring.

Each permit holder registered for the fishery is required to report fishing activities and harvest to the department by noon each day regardless of whether they fished or harvested herring. Reports should be sent to ADF&G in Sand Point by email at dfg.dcf.southakpenmgmt@alaska.gov or by phone at (907) 383-2066.

Fishermen are reminded of the following closed waters: waters of Unalaska Bay, between Unalaska and Amaknak Islands, including Margaret's Bay, west of a line from the "Bishop's House" at 53° 52.64' N, 166° 32.30' W to a point on Amaknak Island at 53° 52.82' N, 166° 32.13' W and north of a line from a point south of Agnes Beach at 53° 52.28' N, 166° 32.68' W to a point at 53° 52.35' N, 166° 32.95' W on Amaknak Island.

The 2026 Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation is 1,507 tons and 10 percent of the remaining guideline harvest level from the Togiak District herring sac roe fishery is an additional 2,073 tons for a total GHL of 3,580 tons allocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery. For further information please contact ADF&G in Sand Point at (907) 383-2066.

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