## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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## **Togiak Herring Announcement 4**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

Department staff flew an aerial survey of the Togiak District today and were able to document threshold biomass. Herring were observed primarily along Cape Constantine and in Kulukak Bay on the east side of the district, and in Togiak Bay on the west side of the district. There was no spawn observed.

Commercial fishing with gillnets will open in the Egg Island Section and the area from longitude 159° 55.00' west longitude to a line extending perpendicular from shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude. This is approximately from Right hand Point to the point just south of the small mud bay in Nunavachak Bay from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 27 until further notice. Participants are reminded that Metervik Bay is closed by regulation.

Commercial fishing with purse seines will be allowed for 76 hours from 6:00 p.m., April 27, until 10:00 p.m., April 30. The open area will be from Togiak Reef at 160° 30.10' west longitude to the longitude of Cape Newenham at 162° 10.50' west longitude and in the area from a line perpendicular to the shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude to the longitude of Anchor Point at 160° 19.70' west longitude. Participants are reminded that Ungalikthluk Bay is closed by regulation.

Fishermen are reminded that there has been no test fishing done at this point. Prior to setting a full complement of gear please test to ensure that marketable herring are available for harvest. Informational updates are available by calling our recorded message line at (907) 842-5226.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

