

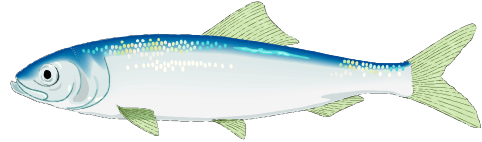
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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY NEWS RELEASE # 15 **For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-16-14**

Commercial herring fishing **opened** for purse seine gear in the **Danger Bay Section (SA40) of the South Afognak District north of 58° 07.70' N. lat. from 4:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday May 1, 2014.**

As Previously Announced:

The following areas **opened** to **both seine and gillnet gear** for commercial herring sac roe fishing **beginning at noon Thursday, May 1, 2014.**

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Alitak District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(NA50) Tonki Bay	40	(AL20) Inner Alitak	75	(EA21) Three Saints Bay	75
(SA10-30) Izhut, Kitoi, and MacDonalds Lagoon	100	(AL21, 22) Inner and Outer Deadman bays	300	(EA23) West Sitkalidak	300
		(AL30) Sulua Bay	75	(EA24) Barling Bay	125
<u>Uganik District:</u>		(AL40) Lower Olga-Moser	50	(EA50) Outer Ugak	450
(UG20) Viekoda Bay	25	(AL41) East Upper Olga Bay	50	(EA51) Inner Ugak	200
(UG21) Terror Bay	30	(AL50) West Upper Olga Bay	50	<u>Inner Marmot District:</u>	
(UG31) W. Uganik Passage	50			(IM40) Kizhuyak Bay	225

Purse seine fishing periods will be **noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days**, followed by a 24-hour closed period.

Fishing periods for gillnet gear will remain **open until further notice.**

The following areas will open or remain open to **only gillnet gear until further notice:**

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Inner Marmot District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(WA10) Raspberry Strait	10	(IM20) Anton Larsen	15	(EA42) Shearwater Bay	125
(WA20) Malina Bay	10	(IM30) Sharatin Bay	30	(EA44) Inner Kiliuda Bay	100
(NA30) Perenosa Bay	10			(EA52) Pasagshak Bay	10
(SA40) Danger Bay	200				
<u>Northeast District:</u>					
(NE10) Womens Bay	25				
(NE20) Kalsin Bay	25				

The combined Village Island/Uganik Bay (UG 32, 33, and 34) sections will remain closed until the department can be available to monitor the fishery. There will be a 24-hour notice given prior to any test fishing in the **combined Village Island/Uganik Bay sections.**

Beginning May 1, all Kodiak commercial sac roe herring fishermen that wish to continue fishing after April 30 must be registered with the department. Registration began on April 25 and may be accomplished either in the Kodiak fish and game office, or with fish and game personnel when available in the field. Communication is critical to effectively manage the commercial herring fishery. Herring fishermen will need to contact the department prior to fishing in an area and when herring are harvested. Failure to do so will result in area closures.

The current estimate of the total harvested herring in the Kodiak Management Area is approximately 1,400 tons.

The following areas are closed to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the season:

- The Outer Kiliuda and East Sitkalidak Bay sections of the Eastside District.

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as EXPLORATORY, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>Mainland Districts:</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>
(NA20) Delphin Bay	(NM20) Inner Kukak Bay	(EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay	(MM10) Inner Katmai Bay	(EA20) SW Sitkalidak
	(MM30) Alinchak Bay	(EA22) Newman Bay
<u>Alitak District:</u>	(MM40) Puale Bay	(EA31) Tanginak Anchorage
(AL60) Geese/Two Headed	(MM50) Portage Bay	
	(SM10) Wide Bay	

The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing for the entire sac roe season.

GHLs and maps of open sections and gear assignments are available at the Kodiak office, in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2014 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.