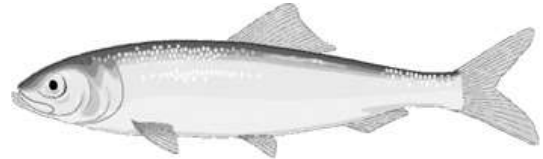


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**Togiak Herring
Announcement 9**

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

Department staff flew a survey of the Togiak herring district this afternoon. Staff were able to document the threshold biomass of 35,000 tons of herring on the grounds. Herring were observed entering the district along Cape Constantine, Hagemeister Island and between Hagemeister and High Islands. Reports from the grounds indicate the herring are still green with zero percent mature roe reported from a small sample taken today.

Commercial fishing with gillnets will open in the Egg Island Section and eastward to longitude 159° 30.00' west longitude. This is approximately from the Egg Island Section to the base of Cape Constantine. Commercial fishing will open at 8:00 p.m. Monday, April 27 until further notice. Participants are reminded that Metervik Bay is closed by regulation. No test fishing has been done and permit holders should proceed with that in mind.

Commercial fishing with purse seines will be allowed for 74 hours from 8:00 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.

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

