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NORTHERN SOUTHEAST HERRING SPAWN-ON-KELP POUND FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning commercial herring spawn-on-kelp (SOK) fisheries in Northern Southeast Alaska:

There will be no commercial herring SOK pound fisheries in Hoonah Sound and Tenakee Inlet during the 2015-16 season. The forecast mature biomass in both areas is below thresholds necessary to conduct commercial fisheries.

The forecast mature biomass for Hoonah Sound is 313 tons of herring, below the threshold necessary to conduct a commercial fishery. For the 2014-15 season, the forecast mature biomass was 721 tons and the department documented 4.2 nautical miles of spawn in the spring of 2015. No fishery occurred during the 2015 season.

The forecast mature biomass for Tenakee Inlet is 2,223 tons of herring, below the threshold necessary to conduct a commercial fishery. For the 2014-15 season, the forecast mature biomass was 927 tons and the department documented 2.3 nautical miles of spawn in the spring of 2015. No fishery occurred during the 2015 season.

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