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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 9

On March 23, the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery was opened in northern Sitka Sound and Krestof Sound from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 2:55 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Salisbury Sound area was opened from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Preliminary hauls from processors put the total harvest for these openings at 1,800 tons.

On March 22, a total 15.6 nautical miles of spawn was recorded in the northern Sitka Sound area with the most concentrated spawn found from Inner Point to Mountain Point and in the Hayward Strait area. Spawn was also seen in Promisla Bay, Eastern Bay, Gavanski Islands, north and south Middle Island, Kasiana Island, and Halibut Point.

The approximate total harvest for the season is 9,770 tons. This leaves approximately 4,970 tons remaining to be harvested of this season's guideline harvest level.

Until further notice, fishermen wanting to make practice sets or stretch nets may do so in Eastern Channel east of 135°18.37' W. longitude.

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