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

Department staff flew a survey of the Togiak Herring District today under very poor conditions. Staff observed 37 miles of spawn in Nunavachak Bay, around Summit Island, in Ungalikthluk Bay, Rocky Bay, behind Tongue Point, by Asigyukpak (Oosik) Spit, at Hagemeister Spit and the northwest end of Hagemeister Island.

Based on the amount of spawn documented on this survey, the multiple reports of fish observed, the previous reports of spawn, and the duration that fish have been present on the grounds, we will open the commercial sac roe fishery.

Commercial fishing with gillnets will open in the Egg Island Section. Commercial fishing will open at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 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 from 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 17, until further notice. 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 Right Hand Point at 159° 55.00' north longitude to the longitude of Anchor Point at 160° 19.70' west longitude. The area within .5 nautical miles of Summit Island is closed; Ungalikthluk Bay is closed by regulation.

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



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