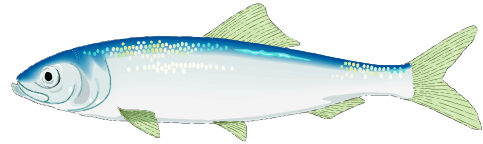


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The **Inner Ugak Bay Section (EA51)** of the **Eastside District** closed to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the 2016 Kodiak herring sac roe season at **noon** Monday, May 2, 2016. The *R/V K-Hi-C* will depart Ugak Bay and will now conduct surveys in the **Inner Kiliuda Bay Area (EA44)**.

Due to multiple early spawning events, only approximately 180 tons of sac roe herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas opened to **both seine** and **gillnet gear** for the remainder of the 2016 Kodiak sac roe herring season **beginning at noon Sunday, May 1, 2016:**

<u>Alitak District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Inner Marmot District</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(AL20) Inner Alitak	25	(EA21) Three Saints Bay	25	(IM40) Kizhuyak Bay	50
(AL21, 22) Inner and Outer		(EA23) West Sitkalidak Strait	75		
Deadman bays	90	(EA24) Barling Bay	40	<u>Afognak Districts</u>	
(AL30) Sulua Bay	25	(EA30) East Sitkalidak Strait	100	(SA10,20,30)	40
(AL41) East Upper Olga Bay	25	(EA42) Shearwater Bay	40	Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds	
(AL40) Lower Olga-Moser	25	(EA43) Outer Kiliuda Bay	75	Lagoon	
(AL50) West Upper Olga Bay	25	(EA44) Inner Kiliuda Bay	40		
		(EA51) Inner Ugak Bay	50		

Purse seine fishing periods are **noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days** (NINE-hour open periods), and **9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days** (THREE-hour open periods).

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

Due to the lack of harvestable herring, the combined **Village Islands/Uganik Bay sections (UG30 and UG32-34) and the Danger Bay Section (SA40)** will remain closed for the remainder of the 2016 Kodiak sac roe herring season.

GILLNET GEAR

The following sections remain **open until further notice**, for gillnet gear only:

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Uganik District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(WA20) Malina Bay	10	(UG20) Viekoda Bay	15
(WA10) Raspberry Strait	10	(UG21) Terror Bay	15
(NA30) Perenosa Bay	10	(UG31) West Uganik	35
(NA50) Tonki	30	Passage	
<u>Northeast District:</u>			
(NE10) Womens Bay	10		
(NE20) Kalsin Bay	10		

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/Twoheaded	(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.

Beginning May 1, ADF&G may open any area with remaining herring GHLs to any gear group if the fishery is not likely to result in overharvest of the resource.

GHLs and maps of open sections and gear assignments are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2016 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.