

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



*Sam Cotten, Commissioner
Scott Kelley, Director*



Contact:
Tim Sands, Area Biologist

Phone: (907) 842-5227
Fax: (907) 842-5937

Issuing Area Office
PO Box 230
Dillingham, Alaska, 99576
Date Issued: April 21, 2017
Time: 12:00 p.m.

**Togiak Herring
Update 3**

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

Department staff have received reports from a spotter pilot that flew the Togiak herring district yesterday and again today. He reported no herring in the area but ice was breaking up and dispersing on the tide. Sea bird activity is also increasing. Additional reports indicate schools of fish, presumably herring, being picked up by sounders on vessels in transit to the herring grounds. These schools, observed 20 miles from Hagemeister Island, also had predators associated with them. The forecast is calling for winds 20 knots and higher through Sunday so department staff will plan to fly Monday afternoon.

Informational updates are available on our recorded message line at (907) 842-5226.

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

-end-