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Togiak Herring Announcement 5 Emergency Orders 1 and 2

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 poor conditions. Staff observed herring along Cape Constantine, outside of Kulukak Bay, in the north east corner of Togiak Bay and along the east face of Hagemeister Island. Staff were able to document the threshold biomass of 35,000 tons of herring on this survey.

Commercial fishing with gillnets will open in the Egg Island Section and from the eastern boundary of the Egg Island Section eastward to 159°30.00' west longitude. Commercial fishing will open at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 28, 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., Friday, April 28, 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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