

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES DIVISION

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NORTON SOUND HERRING POUND PERMIT

Permit Holder Name: _____

Permit # (ADF&G use only)

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Permit Number: _____

REQUIREMENT:

- 1. Herring spawn-on-kelp open pounds are now defined in regulation (see under REGULATIONS). Since these pounds must be adequate to support spawn-on-kelp. If 150 pounds of weight placed on any side of the pound submerges a side of the structure, the pound will be declared ineligible.
2. Each pound must be identified by an upright sign in a conspicuous place with the permittee's full name and the five digit CFEC permit number. Letters and numbers must be at least six inches high and with lines at least one-half inch wide that contrast with the background. Pound numbers of the same size must also be permanently affixed to the top surface of the pound structure where they will be visible from the air.
3. Pound operators will not be required to have a structure in the water until the introduction of kelp. Operators must inform the department by April 15 of their intent to use an open pound. Operators who submit a permit may not fish the sac roe or wild kelp fisheries. Pounds must be clearly identified as stated above. Kelp storage areas must also be declared by the operators either before the kelp is deployed in a pound or to hold excess kelp after the pounds are deployed. Once spawning is determined to be imminent, excess kelp will be removed from the spawning area.
4. Permit holders may locate their pound in Subdistrict 1, east of Wood Point, through Subdistrict 6. Subdistrict 7 is excluded.
5. Each permit holder must be physically present in the fishing area during times when kelp is being placed in the pound, during times when the pound structure with kelp suspended is being moved to another location, and during the collection and sale of herring spawn-on-kelp product.
6. All lines of kelp must be plainly and legibly marked above the water surface with the number of kelp blades on that line. This permit stipulation was requested by Fish and Wildlife Protection to help ensure that kelp blade allocations are not exceeded. (Duct tape numbered with waterproof ink will satisfy this requirement.
7. After harvesting their product or when discontinuing operation, all fishermen must first contact the department before leaving the fishing grounds and hail the approximate amount of herring spawn-on-kelp harvested from their pound.
8. Each permit holder's spawn-on-kelp product must remain separate from other permit holders product until after processing.
9. This permit must be in the possession of the pound operator at all times.
10. After a person removes the spawn-on-kelp from the herring pound, the person shall maintain the pound structure at present fishing location for not less than four weeks in its original configuration, with adequate water circulation on all sides to optimize egg hatching. The pound structure must be completely removed from the water by a date set by ADF&G management staff.

May we release harvest information to the public if you are the only kelp fisher making a landing? Yes ___ No ___

AUTHORIZATION:

5 AAC 27.934. MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HERRING SPAWN-ON-KELP IN POUNDS. ...(j)... the commissioner may specify on the permits any other criteria that the commissioner determines is necessary for the conservation and management of herring and kelp and the herring pound spawn-on-kelp fishery.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the department requirements will be completed. By signing I cannot participate in net or wild kelp herring fisheries.

Signed: _____ Date: _____