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Togiak Herring Announcement 10 (EO 5 and 6)

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

Commercial fishing in the Togiak Herring District with purse seines will be extended for 48 hours, from 8:00 p.m. May 18 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 20. The open area will be reduced effective at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18 such that the eastern section of the open purse seine area is reduced from Right Hand Point to a line perpendicular to the shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude. All other boundaries remain unchanged.

Effective at 8:00 p.m. May 18, the open area for the gillnet fleet will be increased such that the open area is from the longitude of 159° 30.00' to a line extending perpendicular from shore at 58° 50.50' north latitude. This is approximately the point just south of the small mud bay in Nunavachak Bay. Gillnet fishing is also restricted to east of 160° 00.05' west longitude.

The harvest for yesterday was 475 tons for the purse seine fleet and 346 tons for the gillnet fleet. The cumulative harvests are 12,171 tons for the purse seine and 3,895 for the gillnet fleet. Over the last five days, the gillnet fleet has harvested 30% of the total harvest each day keeping pace with the allocation plan. The gillnet fleet has now harvested 43.2% of their quota and the purse seine fleet has harvested 57.8% of their quota.

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