

*Proposals 164: Equal Harvest Share Management Plan for the Sitka Sound Sac Roe Herring Fishery***5 AAC 27.195 SITKA SOUND COMMERCIAL SAC ROE HERRING FISHERY**

- (a) In managing the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 13-A south of the latitude of Point Kakul (Salisbury Sound) and in Section 13-B north of the latitude of Aspid Cape (Sitka Sound), the department shall
- (c) A permit holder of a CFEC permit in the GO1A fishery may not retain more herring in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe fishery than the annual amount of herring equal harvest share (EHS) that is specified by the department. The department shall determine the annual amount of herring equal quota share by dividing the annual GHL by the number of CFEC permits eligible to be fished in the fishery.
- (d) Herring may be taken during the open season and area as set by the department under the following guidelines:
- (1) When participating in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, a person holding a CFEC permit for that fishery must retain in that person's possession and present for inspection on board the vessel on which that person is registered to fish, a copy of each completed fish ticket issued to that person during the current season. The permit holder shall provide each buyer with the total weight of herring that the permit holder has landed to date in the fishery for that year;
 - (2) If a permit holder's harvest exceeds the permit holder's EHS established under (c) of this section, the proceeds from the sale of the overage in excess of the EHS shall be surrendered to the state;
 - (3) All permit holders, fishing vessels, and tender vessels must be registered with a local representative of the department before participating in the fishery. Permit holders may register to operate in reporting pools that include multiple permit holders and tender vessels. Reporting pools may appoint a designee to report harvest information to the department as specified in this section;
 - (4) Registered permit holders must be present on board the fishing vessel at the time of both the harvest and landing of any portion of their EHS. Multiple permit holders may be on board a single fishing vessel;
 - (5) All vessels actively fishing during an open period shall report to the department immediately prior to making a set and report the outcome of each set including the location, the amount of herring harvested, roe percentage, and other information as determined by the department to be necessary for the management of the fishery;
 - (6) All registered processors participating in the fishery must provide the department with the amount of herring harvested, roe percentage, and other information as determined by the department to be necessary for the management of the fishery on a daily basis;
 - (7) All tender vessels with herring on board must contact and provide to the department, prior to leaving the fishing grounds, the amount of herring on board in tons, the name of the vessels, permit holder(s) and harvest pool(s) that made deliveries; and the name of the processing facility the herring will be landed and the expected date and time of arrival at the processing facility
 - (8) All sets sampled at ten percent mature roe and above shall be retained and completely pumped for delivery to a registered herring buyer;

- (9) All herring in a set shall be retained and completely pumped if the transfer of herring into a vessel has been started, if the set at any time is in the latter stages of pursing (i.e., the set is dried up), or if the herring have been held in a pursed seine net for longer than 45 minutes; no sets may be released without approval from a department representative;
- (10) Catches in excess of an individual permit holders' EHS may be transferred to other registered permit holders. All proceeds from overages not transferred shall be surrendered to the state. Permit holders may be prosecuted under AS 16.05.723 for overages not transferred;
- (d) The commissioner may, by emergency order, require additional management guidelines as necessary to ensure an orderly fishery.