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NEWS RELEASE**



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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 update regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

Department staff flew a survey of the Togiak herring district on April 16. Survey conditions were poor with turbid water and sustained winds. Herring were observed in the eastern half of the district with most of the biomass east of Right Hand Point. This included significant amounts of fish still entering the district and offshore of normal fishing areas. There was also spawn observed in the bays between Anchor Point and Rocky Point as well as in the eastern corner of Nunavachak Bay and in Ungalikthluk Bay.

We have had a report of fish sampled from Nunavachak Bay with 9.1% roe maturity.

Commercial fishing with purse seines will be allowed from 5:00 p.m., April 16, until further notice in the area from Togiak Reef at 160° 30.10' west longitude to the longitude of Cape Newenham at 162° 10.50' west longitude and 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; Metervik and Ungalikthluk Bays are closed by regulation.

The Egg Island section will open to commercial fishing with purse seines from 5:00 p.m. April 16, until 6:00 a.m. April 18.

The Egg Island Section will open to commercial fishing with gillnets at 8:00 a.m. April 18 until further notice.

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

