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Togiak Herring

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Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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 today, April 28. Survey conditions were excellent with clear skies and calm water. One small school of fish was observed at the tip of Anchor Point and a dozen schools were observed between Togiak Reef and the village. Total less than 100 tons of fish were documented. No fish were seen anywhere else. We did fly around Hagemeister Island and out to Asigyukpak (Oosik) Spit and back along the mainland. Two sea lions and numerous sea birds and whales were observed.

All the bays of Togiak District are ice free as are the major rivers. The Sea Surface Temperature map that the National Weather Service maintains <https://www.weather.gov/images/afc/ice/SST.jpg> indicates 0-degree water in the Togiak District as of April 27. On grounds water temperature reports indicate 1'6-2.7-degree water at Anchor Point today. The next flight is planned for Friday weather depending.

Informational updates are available on our recorded message line at (907) 842-5226.

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

