



## Advisory Announcement

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### **Togiak Herring**

### **Announcement 4**

### **Emergency Order 1**

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 announcement regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

Department staff flew a survey of the Togiak herring district on Monday, May 3. Survey conditions were fair to poor with snow squalls and some turbidity. Herring were observed along Cape Constantine and the eastern face of Hagemeister island entering the district. Additionally, herring were documented in several bays throughout the district. The majority of herring were observed west of Tongue Point on both the island and mainland shores. There was some spawn documented in Rocky Bay and near the tip of Hagemeister Island across from Tongue Point.

The Togiak Herring fishery will open to the harvest of herring with purse seine gear at 6:00 p.m. May 3, until further notice. The open area will be from Togiak Reef at 160° 30.10' west longitude to the longitude of Cape Newenham at 162° 10.50' west longitude and from Picnic Beach east of Kulukak Bay at 159° 30.00' west 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.

We will adjust the open area to allow for gillnet area when the gillnet fleet arrives on grounds.

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

