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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery opened at 1:15 p.m., March 28, 2023, and will be closed by field announcement on marine VHF radio. Open waters for this fishery included the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and Leesoffskaia Bay south of 57°00.81' N lat and east of 135°21.93' W long.

The attached map shows the boundaries for a Sitka herring sac roe fishery opening as initially announced at approximately 11:45 a.m. on this date by field announcement on marine VHF radio. This map is for informational purposes only.

The department has determined that the opening described above would not harm a reasonable opportunity for participants in the subsistence fishery to harvest the amount of roe necessary for subsistence uses. When making this determination, the department considered: 1) vessel surveys conducted by the department beginning on March 23 indicated that there is a very large biomass of herring distributed within Sitka Sound; 2) there was no herring spawn nor subsistence branch sets observed in the water on the adjacent shoreline of the open area; 3) herring began spawning in Sitka Sound on March 26 and through March 28 the cumulative spawn estimate is 10.3 nautical miles.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1H0223.

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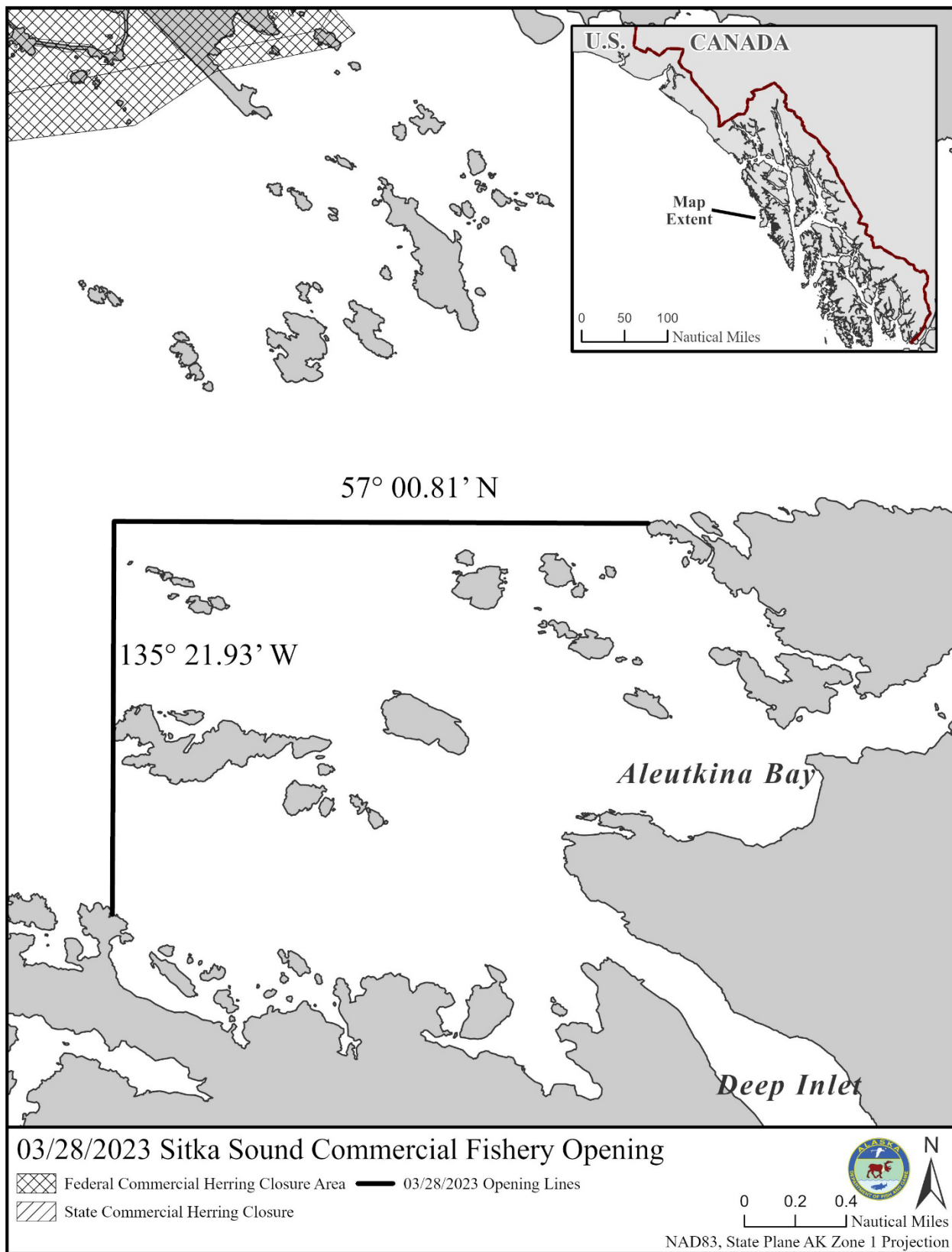


Figure 1.– Map of the initial area open for the March 28, 2023 Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery.