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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #05 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-05-23

The combined Inner Kiliuda Bay (EA43) and Outer Kiliuda Bay (EA44) Sections of the Eastside District **closed** to commercial herring fishing at **3:05 p.m. Tuesday, April 11**, and will remain closed for the remainder of the 2023 Kodiak sac roe herring season.

So far this season, approximately 2,400 tons of sac roe herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are **closed** for the remainder of the 2023 Kodiak herring sac roe season:

- (EA21) Three Saints Bay; - (EA22) Newman Bay; - (EA23) West Sitkalidak Strait;
- (EA24) Barling Bay; - (EA30) East Sitkalidak Strait; - (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage;
- (EA42) Shearwater Bay; - (EA43) Inner Kiliuda Bay; - (EA44) Outer Kiliuda Bay.

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began at **noon Saturday, April 1, 2023**. All herring **permit holders**, buyers, and tender operators participating are **required to register** with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the fishing grounds prior to operations. The total 2023 Kodiak Area Sac Roe Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **8,650 tons**.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

All Kodiak Sac Roe Herring Fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds immediately upon landing any commercial sac roe herring. Failure to do so will result in area closures.

FISHING PERIODS:

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

DELAYED OPENING AREAS

The initial sac roe herring commercial fishing period will be delayed in the following areas until department staff are available to monitor the fishery. There will be a 24-hour advance notice prior to opening these areas:

(EA50,51) Inner Ugak and Outer Ugak
 (UY 30,32) Inner Uyak, Browns Lagoon
 (UY 40,50) Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay

OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:

District	Area	Stat Areas	GHL	Remaining GHL	Open/Closed	Closure Date
Afognak	Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon	SA10,20,30	100	100	Open	
	Danger Bay	SA40	300	300	Open	
	Raspberry Strait	WA10	150	150	Open	
	Malina Bay	WA20	200	200	Open	
	Paramanof Bay/Foul Bay	WA31,32	600	600	Open	
	Tonki Bay	NA50	75	75	Open	
	Delphin, Perenosa	NA20,30	75	75	Open	
	Afognak District Total			1,500	1,500	
Eastside	Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak	EA10,20	100	100	Open	
	Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait, Barling Bay	EA21,22,23,24	400	0	Closed	4/4/2023
	East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanginak Anchorage	EA30,31	1,000	0	Closed	4/7/2023
	Shearwater Bay	EA42	300	0	Closed	4/2/2023
	Outer Kiliuda Bay, Inner Kiliuda Bay	EA43,44	700	0	Open	
	Outer Ugak, Inner Ugak	EA50,51	500	500	Delayed Opening Area	
Eastside District Total			3,000	600		
Uganik	Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage	UG20,21,31	1,200	1,200	Open	
	Village Islands, NE Arm, East Arm, South Arm	UG30,32,33,34	1,000	1,000	Open	
	Uganik District Total		2,200	2,200		
Uyak	Inner Uyak Bay, Browns Lagoon	UY30,32	500	500	Delayed Opening Area	
	Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay	UY40,50	500	500	Delayed Opening Area	
	Uyak District Total		1,000	1,000		
Inner Marmot/NE	Kalsin Bay	NE20	100	100	Closed	
	Kizhuyak Bay	IM40	250	250	Open	
	Inner Marmot/NE District Total		350	350		
Alitak	Inner Alitak, Deadman Bays, Sulua Bay	AL20, 21, 22, 30	300	300	Open	
	Olga Bay Sections	AL40, 41, 50	100	100	Open	
	Geese/Twoheaded	AL60	200	200	Open	
	Alitak District Total		600	600		
Total Kodiak Management Area			8,650	6,250		

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as EXPLORATORY, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

Mainland Districts:

- (NM20) Inner Kukak
- (MM10) Inner Katmai
- (MM30) Alinchak
- (MM40) Puale Bay
- (MM50) Portage Bay
- (SM10) Wide Bay

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2023 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's message phone at 486-4559.