



Advisory Announcement
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2023/24 CRAIG/KLAWOCK WINTER FOOD AND BAIT HERRING GH L

The 2023/24 Craig/Klawock area herring guideline harvest level (GHL) is 6,716 tons. This is based on a forecasted mature spawning biomass of 33,580 tons of herring and a 20% harvest rate. Regulations state that 60% of the GHL is allocated to the winter food and bait fishery and 40% to the Section 3-B spawn-on-kelp pound fishery (5 AAC 27.185 [h]). This sets the GHL in the winter food and bait fishery at 4,030 tons and the spawn-on-kelp GHL at 2,686 tons. Any GHL amount not taken by the winter bait fishery will be allocated to the spawn-on-kelp fishery and announced by March 5, 2024. The forecasted mature biomass at age for 2024 is 9% age-3, 31% age-4, 11% age-5, 13% age-6, 2% age-7 and 34% age-8+ herring.

Section 3-B and District 4 (Craig/Klawock): opened at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, October 1, 2023, in those waters of Section 3-B west of a line from Blanquizal Point at 55°37.36' N lat, 133°23.86' W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.19' N lat, 133°24.84' W long to Point Cuerbo at 55°28.51' N lat, 133°19.00' W long to Point Miraballes at 55°25.87' N lat, 133°05.22' W long and in those waters of District 4 north and east of a line from Lontana Point at 55°12.25' N lat, 133°20.12' W long to Diver Point at 55°11.02' N lat, 133°14.36' W long with the following restriction:

Trocadero Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of the westernmost tip of Canoe Point at 133°01.48' W long.

Fishermen and operators of tendering vessels must obtain an ADF&G permit to participate in the winter food and bait fishery (5 AAC 27.179) prior to fishing. For the 2023/24 season, the terms of the permit stipulate: 1) the amount of herring harvested and delivery location be reported to the Ketchikan office for Section 3-B and District 4 by 12:00 noon on the day after fish were harvested; and 2) one 5-gallon bucket of herring is to be provided to the department from each delivery for sampling purposes. Permit applications are available at ADF&G area offices in Ketchikan, Sitka, Petersburg, and Douglas.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1H1023.

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