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Prince William Sound Herring Announcement #5

The wild herring spawn-on-kelp fishery will open in the Eastern District at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 and remain open until further notice. Permit holders have notified the department that they have secured a market for this product and, as previously announced, 48-hour advanced notice is being given prior to the opening of the fishery. As a reminder to harvesters and processors, spawn on kelp that is harvested but not sold, including discarded kelp, must be reported on a fish ticket at time of landing.

All herring processors and buyers are required to register with the Cordova office prior to buying herring or herring products in Prince William Sound. Processors must provide a list of tenders and processing vessels. Some permit holders may elect to have their harvest custom processed. The department reminds all permit holders that fish may not be delivered to an unregistered buyer or tender. A fish ticket must be generated at the time of delivery. The fish ticket must be imprinted with the processor's code. Buyers are reminded that if any herring are to be processed in another management area, the Cordova Fish and Game Office must be contacted in person or by radio and advised of the amount of herring on board the vessels before leaving the area.

This announcement will be updated as new information becomes available.