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Prince William Sound Herring Announcement #6

The herring sac roe gillnet fishery advance notice period is being reduced to 4 hours effective 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19. Fishery participation is expected to be minimal, and potential harvest is expected to be well below the 121-ton sac roe gillnet harvest quota. A shorter advanced notice period will allow for timely fishing opportunity once a herring biomass has been identified and tested for market suitability.

Before making test sets, test boats need to contact the department biologist at the Cordova office (907-424-4012), who will monitor set locations, roe maturity, and age/size of herring samples.

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.

Herring aerial survey data can be reviewed online, including spawn lines and photos, in an interactive map application found at:: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/53d54699cbf54e72aa1a4daf405076b7?org=adfg.