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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #04 For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-01-26

The 2025–2026 Kodiak herring food/bait fishery B season will begin at **9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 11**. All herring **permit holders**, buyers, and tender operators participating will be **required to register** with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Kodiak office prior to operations. The remaining 2025–2026 Kodiak Area food/bait Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **390 tons**.

ADF&G is allowing permit holders to conduct a commercial herring food/bait fishery under the following guidelines:

- 1) Each district will open and close by emergency order.
- 2) The Kodiak food/bait herring fishery will only take place within state waters.
- 3) All herring permit holders, buyers, and tender operators participating are required to register with the ADF&G Kodiak office.
- 4) All Kodiak food/bait herring fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office immediately upon landing any commercial herring. Failure to do so will result in adjacent area closures.
- 5) Each district will be closed for the remainder of the season when the guideline harvest level (GHL) is reached.

The West Afognak District (F/B 1), the South Afognak District (F/B 3), the Uyak District (F/B 5), the Alitak District (F/B 7), and the Inner Marmot District (F/B 10) will open to commercial herring fishing at 9:00 a.m. January 11, 2026. **The Uganik District (F/B 4), the Eastside District (F/B 8), Offshore West Afognak, Outer Uganik, and Offshore Uyak Bay Sections will remain closed for the herring food/bait fishery B season.**

The food/bait GHL for the West Afognak District is 100 tons, the GHL for the South Afognak District is 30 tons, the GHL for the Uyak District is 160 tons, the GHL for the Alitak District is 40 tons, and the GHL for the Inner Marmot District 60 tons.

The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing. Recent fishery information may be obtained at the Kodiak ADF&G office.