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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING FOOD/BAIT FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #02
For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-11-26

The **Uganik District** (F/B 4) and the **Uyak District** (F/B 5) will **close** to commercial herring fishing at **noon Friday, November 6**.

As previously announced:

The Kodiak herring food/bait fishery A season began at **9:00 a.m. Monday, October 26.** 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 total 2026 Kodiak Area food/bait Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **1,280 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 North Afognak District (F/B 2), the South Afognak District (F/B 3), the Alitak District (F/B 7), the Eastside District (F/B 8), and the Inner Marmot District (F/B 10) will open to commercial herring fishing at 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 26, 2026, and will remain open until further notice. **The Offshore West Afognak, Outer Uganik, and Offshore Uyak Bay Sections will remain closed for the herring food/bait fishery.**

The food/bait GHL for the West Afognak District is 100 tons, the GHL for the North Afognak District is 20 tons, the GHL for the South Afognak District is 25 tons, the GHL for the Alitak District is 90 tons, the GHL for the Eastside District is 485 tons, and the GHL for the Inner Marmot District 80 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.

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