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**Togiak Herring
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This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding the Togiak herring fishery.

Department staff flew a survey of the Togiak herring district today, April 21. Numerous schools of herring were observed despite very poor survey conditions. Sea lion and bird activity was noticeably increased over previous surveys. Staff were only able to complete a partial survey of the herring district because of low clouds and squalls. Water conditions in many areas were also poor because of turbidity. Staff were still able to document herring in Ungalikthluk Bay, Rocky Bay and Togiak Bay. There appeared to be a little spawn in Ungalikthluk Bay and spawning seemed to be imminent between Rocky Point and Anchor Point. Based on this threshold biomass is believed to be on the grounds.

Commercial fishing with gillnets will open in the Egg Island Section. Commercial fishing will open at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, April 22, until further notice. Participants are reminded that Metervik Bay is closed by regulation. No test fishing has been done and permit holders should proceed with that in mind.

Commercial fishing with purse seines will be allowed from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, April 22, until further notice. The open area will be from Togiak Reef at 160° 30.10' west longitude to the longitude of Cape Newenham at 162° 10.50' west longitude and in the area from Right Hand Point at 159° 55.00' north longitude to the longitude of Anchor Point at 160° 19.70' west longitude. The area within .5 nautical miles of Summit Island is closed; Ungalikthluk Bay is closed by regulation.

Informational updates are available on our recorded message line at (907) 842-5226.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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