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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #06 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-06-23

The combined Izhut Bay (SA10), Kitoi Bay (SA20), and MacDonalds Lagoon (SA30) Sections of the South Afognak District will close to commercial herring fishing at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13**, and will remain closed for the remainder of the 2023 Kodiak sac roe herring season.

So far this season, approximately 2,750 tons of sac roe herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are closed for the remainder of the 2023 Kodiak herring sac roe season:

- (EA21) Three Saints Bay; - (EA22) Newman Bay; - (EA23) West Sitkalidak Strait;
- (EA24) Barling Bay; - (EA30) East Sitkalidak Strait; - (EA31) Tanginak Anchorage;
- (EA42) Shearwater Bay; - (EA43) Inner Kiliuda Bay; - (EA44) Outer Kiliuda Bay.

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began at **noon Saturday, April 1, 2023**. All herring **permit holders**, buyers, and tender operators participating are **required to register** with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the fishing grounds prior to operations. The total 2023 Kodiak Area Sac Roe Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **8,650 tons**.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

All Kodiak Sac Roe Herring Fishermen are required to report their catch with the ADF&G Kodiak office or with ADF&G personnel on the grounds immediately upon landing any commercial sac roe herring. Failure to do so will result in area closures.

FISHING PERIODS:

PURSE SEINE: Fishing periods for purse seine gear will be noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days.

GILLNET: Gillnet fishing periods will be noon on even-numbered days to noon on odd-numbered days starting April 2.

DELAYED OPENING AREAS

The initial sac roe herring commercial fishing period will be delayed in the following areas until department staff are available to monitor the fishery. There will be a 24-hour advance notice prior to opening these areas:

(EA50,51) Inner Ugak and Outer Ugak
 (UY 30,32) Inner Uyak, Browns Lagoon
 (UY 40,50) Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay

OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:

| District | Area | Stat Areas | GHL | Remaining GHL | Open/Closed | Closure Date |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Afognak | Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon | SA10,20,30 | 100 | 0 | Closed | 4/13/2023 |
| | Danger Bay | SA40 | 300 | 300 | Open | |
| | Raspberry Strait | WA10 | 150 | 150 | Open | |
| | Malina Bay | WA20 | 200 | 200 | Open | |
| | Paramanof Bay/Foul Bay | WA31,32 | 600 | 600 | Open | |
| | Tonki Bay | NA50 | 75 | 45 | Open | |
| | Delphin, Perenosa | NA20,30 | 75 | 75 | Open | |
| | Afognak District Total | | | 1,500 | 1,370 | |
| Eastside | Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak | EA10,20 | 100 | 100 | Open | |
| | Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait, Barling Bay | EA21,22,23,24 | 400 | 0 | Closed | 4/4/2023 |
| | East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanginak Anchorage | EA30,31 | 1,000 | 0 | Closed | 4/7/2023 |
| | Shearwater Bay | EA42 | 300 | 0 | Closed | 4/2/2023 |
| | Outer Kiliuda Bay, Inner Kiliuda Bay | EA43,44 | 700 | 0 | Closed | 4/11/2023 |
| | Outer Ugak, Inner Ugak | EA50,51 | 500 | 500 | Delayed Opening Area | |
| | Eastside District Total | | | 3,000 | 600 | |
| Uganik | Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage | UG20,21,31 | 1,200 | 1,200 | Open | |
| | Village Islands, NE Arm, East Arm, South Arm | UG30,32,33,34 | 1,000 | 1,000 | Open | |
| | Uganik District Total | | 2,200 | 2,200 | | |
| Uyak | Inner Uyak Bay, Browns Lagoon | UY30,32 | 500 | 500 | Delayed Opening Area | |
| | Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay | UY40,50 | 500 | 500 | Delayed Opening Area | |
| | Uyak District Total | | 1,000 | 1,000 | | |
| Inner Marmot/NE | Kalsin Bay | NE20 | 100 | 70 | Open | |
| | Kizhuyak Bay | IM40 | 250 | 250 | Open | |
| | Inner Marmot/NE District Total | | 350 | 320 | | |
| Alitak | Inner Alitak, Deadman Bays, Sulua Bay | AL20, 21, 22, 30 | 300 | 300 | Open | |
| | Olga Bay Sections | AL40, 41, 50 | 100 | 100 | Open | |
| | Geese/Twoheaded | AL60 | 200 | 200 | Open | |
| | Alitak District Total | | 600 | 600 | | |
| Total Kodiak Management Area | | | 8,650 | 6,090 | | |

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as **EXPLORATORY**, and will be open to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

Mainland Districts:

- (NM20) Inner Kukak
- (MM10) Inner Katmai
- (MM30) Alinchak
- (MM40) Puale Bay
- (MM50) Portage Bay
- (SM10) Wide Bay

GHLs and maps of open sections are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2023 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's message phone at 486-4559.