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## Advisory Announcement

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### **KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #04 For Emergency Order #4-FH-K-04-26**

The **Combined Village Islands, Northeast Arm Uganik, East Arm Uganik, and South Arm Uganik Sections (UG30, 32, 33, 34)** of the **Uganik District** will **close** to commercial herring fishing at **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28**, for the remainder of the 2026 Kodiak herring sac roe A season.

So far this season, approximately 2,000 tons of sac roe herring have been harvested in the Kodiak Area.

#### **As Previously Announced:**

The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery began at **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2026**. 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 2026 Kodiak Area Sac Roe Herring Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) is **6,425 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 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day.

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

#### **OPEN AREAS AND GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS:**

| <b>Afognak Districts</b>                   | <b>GHL</b> |
|--|------------|
| (SA10,20,30) Kitoi/Izhut/MacDonalds Lagoon | 50         |
| (SA40) Danger Bay                          | 75         |
| (WA10) Raspberry Strait                    | 100        |
| (WA20) Malina Bay                          | 100        |
| (WA31,32) Paramanof/Foul Bays              | 300        |
| (NA20,30) Delphin Bay, Perenosa Bay        | 50         |
| (NA50) Tonki                               | 50         |
| <b>Afognak Districts Total</b>             | <b>750</b> |

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| <b>Eastside District</b>   | <b>GHL</b>   |
| (EA10, 20) Kaiugnak, SW Sitkalidak   | 100          |
| (EA21,22,23,24) Three Saints Bay, Newman Bay, West Sitkalidak Strait,<br>Barling Bay                             | 400          |
| (EA30,31) East Sitkalidak Strait, Tanginak Anchorage   | 800          |
| (EA42) Shearwater Bay  | 400          |
| (EA43,44) Inner Kiliuda Bay, Outer Kiliuda Bay   | 500          |
| (EA50,51) Outer Ugak Bay, Inner Ugak Bay   | 250          |
| <b>Eastside District</b>   | <b>2,425</b> |
| <b>Uganik District</b>   | <b>GHL</b>   |
| (UG20,21,31) Viekoda Bay, Terror Bay, West Uganik Passage ( <b>Closed<br/>4/22/26</b> )                          | 800          |
| (UG30,32,33,34) Village Islands, NE Arm Uganik, East Arm Uganik,<br>South Arm Uganik ( <b>Closed 4/28/2026</b> ) | 800          |
| <b>Uganik District Total</b>   | <b>1,600</b> |
| <b>Uyak District</b>   | <b>GHL</b>   |
| (UY30,32) Inner Uyak, Browns Lagoon  | 400          |
| (UY40,50) Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay   | 400          |
| <b>Uyak District Total</b>   | <b>800</b>   |
| <b>Inner Marmot District/Northeast District</b>  | <b>GHL</b>   |
| (IM40) Kizhuyak Bay  | 300          |
| (NE20) Kalsin Bay ( <b>Closed 4/16/26</b> )  | 100          |
| <b>Inner Marmot/Northeast Districts Totals</b>   | <b>400</b>   |
| <b>Alitak District</b>   | <b>GHL</b>   |
| (AL20 21,22 30) Inner Alitak, Sulua Bay, Inner & Outer Deadman Bay   | 250          |
| (AL40, 41, 50) Lower Olga, East Upper Olga, West Upper Olga  | 100          |
| (AL60) Geese/Twoheaded   | 100          |
| <b>Alitak District Total</b>   | <b>450</b>   |
| <b>Kodiak Management Area Total</b>  | <b>6,425</b> |

## **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 2026 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.