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## ABSTRACT

This report presents how the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will manage the 2007 Kodiak Management Area (KMA) commercial Pacific herring *Clupea pallasii* sac roe fishery. This report also presents the 2007 guideline harvest levels (GHLs) by section, management changes from previous years, and reporting and registration requirements.

The 2007 KMA area wide GHL is 4,000 tons and GHLs have been established for 35 sections. The area wide GHL is divided by gear type due to a regulatory allocative management plan (5 AAC 27.535). The purse seine GHL is 2,915 tons (72.9% of the areawide GHL) and the gillnet GHL is 1,085 tons (27.1% of the areawide GHL). Regulation changes in 2005 allow both gear types to fish the same section when allocation objectives can not be met by having separate gear areas. In 2007, the Village Islands/Uganik Bays Section will be the only area open to both gear types.

In 2007, the Village Islands/Uganik Bays, Danger Bay, and Inner Uyak Bay sections will be managed to enhance the value of the landed product and control harvest rates. Fishing periods will be established by emergency order, herring will be sampled by purse seine test sets, and time and area restrictions may be used to target these fisheries on herring of the largest size and highest roe content. To prevent gear conflicts and ease management of the fisheries where both gear types have an allocation, fishing will occur by each gear type on alternating days.

Key Words: Sac roe, herring, *Clupea pallasii*, Kodiak, guideline harvest levels (GHL), Kodiak Management Area (KMA), harvest strategy

## INTRODUCTION

Pacific herring, *Clupea pallasii*, have been commercially harvested each spring for their sac roe since 1964 in the Kodiak Management Area (KMA; Table 1). This fishery was open-to-entry from 1964 to 1980, under a moratorium to new entries from 1981 to 1984, and was designated a limited entry fishery in 1985. Gear includes purse seines (81 permits) and gillnets (101 permits). Historical permit activity has been low and continues to decline. On average, 34 purse seine and 15 gillnet permit holders have made landings from 1997 to 2006, and 28 purse seine and 12 gillnet permit holders made landings from 2002 to 2006 (Table 2).

The KMA is divided into 13 districts that define geographical areas used in managing the herring sac roe fishery (Figure 1; Table 3). Each district is further divided into smaller areas called sections. There are 80 sections in the KMA. These sections are intended to define a spawning area or to define a geographical harvest location. Since 1979, herring have been harvested within 63 sections. Current statistical charts, which illustrate districts and sections, are available at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) office in Kodiak.

Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs), are a desired level of harvest within each section (harvest projection), that are established by Kodiak ADF&G fishery management biologists annually (Table 3). After an annual review of stock status trends for the entire KMA, the department determines which sections will be open to commercial fishing and what level of harvest will be targeted. Each section's GHL is set based on: 1) fishery performance during the preceding season or seasons (e.g., total harvest, timing, duration of fishery, average school size); 2) trends in age composition; 3) spawn and juvenile herring observations; 4) aerial surveys; and 5) hydroacoustic surveys. Input from commercial fishermen and spotter pilots are considered as well in setting a GHL.

Since 1979, GHLs have ranged from a low of 1,495 tons (1999) to a high of 4,550 tons (1994; Table 2). GHLs are not guaranteed quotas and actual harvests may be more or less than these

projections. The recent 10-year average harvest (1997 to 2006) was 2,295 tons (range: 1,370 to 3,463 tons; Table 2).

In 2000, an allocative harvest strategy was implemented by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) to provide opportunities for gillnet permit holders to harvest approximately 25% of the total preseason GHL and purse seine permit holders to harvest approximately 75% of the total preseason GHL (5 AAC 27.535 (e)). With few exceptions, this is accomplished by either assigning sections to only purse seine or only gillnets. For each district, the sum of all purse seine section GHLs should be 70% to 80% of the areawide GHL and the sum of all gillnet section GHLs should be 20% to 30% of the areawide GHL (5 AAC 27.535 (e)(2)(D)). Assignment of a section to a particular gear type is based on: 1) the estimated biomass and age composition of the stock(s) found within a section; 2) historical harvest by gear from that section; 3) historical harvest timing; 4) fishery manageability concerns; and 5) determining allocative percentages. Input from fishery participants is solicited prior to final section assignments.

The 2006 fishery GHL was 3,705 tons, 21 purse seine and less than 4 gillnet permit holders participated, harvesting 2,643 tons of herring (Table 2). Purse seine gear harvested 2,617 tons (99% of the total harvest) and gillnet gear harvested 26 tons (< 1% of the total harvest), with a total ex-vessel value of approximately \$726,825 dollars (Table 2).

ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division staff in Kodiak will manage the 2007 Kodiak herring sac roe fishery. The Kodiak herring sac roe fishery is intended to occur in an orderly fashion, with minimal waste of resource and within conservation limits as determined by ADF&G, while striving for the highest quality product (5 AAC 27.535. (e)(6)). In addition, the fishery will be managed in accordance with general statewide herring guideline harvest policies, which provide for catches in traditional inshore areas, management for the greatest value, and exploitation (harvest) not to exceed 20% of the available spawning biomass.

This report presents the harvest strategy for the 2007 KMA herring sac roe fishery, including the GHLs by section, section assignment by gear, changes in management, and reporting and registration requirements for the 2007 fishery.

## **2007 HARVEST STRATEGY**

### **GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVELS**

For the 2007 season, GHLs have been established for 35 sections (Table 3). A total of 14 sections had little or no harvest during the last 10 years and are designated as exploratory in 2007 (exploratory areas are open to both gear types and have no set GHL). The remaining 31 sections will remain closed, based on either low stock abundance or no records of herring sac roe harvests.

The 2007 GHL is 4,000 tons (Table 3), an increase of about 8.0% from the 2006 GHL (3,705; Table 2).

### **SECTION ASSIGNMENTS**

Based on the 2005 BOF changes to regulations governing the KMA herring fisheries, adjacent sections may be combined and managed as a single section (5 AAC 27.535. (e)(1)(A)). The following sections will be combined and managed as single sections in 2007:

- Izhut Bay, Kitoi Bay, and MacDonald Lagoon
- Village Islands, Northeast Arm Uganik, East Arm Uganik, and South Arm Uganik

Also, based on BOF regulations, both purse seine and gillnet gear may be assigned to fish within the same section, in order to achieve the allocative split by gear type within a district (5 AAC 27.535. (e)(2)(A)).

- Only the combined Village Islands/Uganik Bay Sections will be opened to both gear types in 2007, with each gear type assigned a portion of the GHL.

The remaining sections are assigned as follows:

<u>Purse Seine Only</u>	<u>Gillnet Only</u>	<u>Exploratory (both gear)</u>
Danger Bay	Malina Bay	Perenosa Bay
Tonki Bay	Izhut/Kitoi/MacDonald	Blue Fox/Devils Inlet
Outer Uyak Bay	Raspberry Strait	Geese/Two Headed
Inner Alitak*	Viekoda Bay	Kaiugnak Bay
Inner Deadman Bay	Terror Bay	SW. Sitkalidak Strait
Outer Deadman Bay*	West Uganik Passage	Three Saints Bay
N.Upper Olga Bay*	Browns Lagoon	Newman Bay
Upper Olga Bay*	Spiridon Bay	Tanginak Anchorage
West Sitkalidak Strait	Zachar Bay	Inner Kukak Bay
Barling Bay	Sulua Bay*	Inner Katmai Bay
East Sitkalidak Strait	Lower Olga/Moser Bay*	Alinchak Bay
Outer Kiliuda Bay	Shearwater Bay	Puale Bay
Outer Ugak Bay	Inner Kiliuda Bay	Portage Bay
	Inner Ugak Bay	Wide Bay
	Womans Bay	
	Kizhuyak Bay	

\* Section lines will be changed by EO for the 2007 season (Figure 2).

Of the total GHL, 2,915 tons of herring (72.9%) are assigned to purse seine permit holders and 1,085 tons (27.1%) are assigned to gillnet permit holders (Table 3; Figure 1).

## **FISHING PERIODS**

### **Standard Daily Fishing Periods for Most Purse Seine and Gillnet Sections**

For many years, there has been a “standard” fishing schedule for purse seine and gillnet permit holders, established in regulation (5 AAC 27.510). For most of the KMA, this daily fishing schedule for purse seine and gillnet gear will still be in effect with some sections managed by emergency order (EO).

Unless otherwise specified in an EO, herring may be taken during the sac roe season from April 15 through June 30, as follows:

- **FOR PURSE SEINE PERMIT HOLDERS:** From April 15 through May 7, fishing periods for purse seine permit holders are from noon until 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days, and from 9:00 a.m. until noon on even-numbered days, if a harvestable surplus is

available. From May 8 through June 30, fishing periods for purse seine permit holders are from noon until 10:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days, and from 9:00 a.m. until noon on even-numbered days, if a harvestable surplus is available.

- **FOR GILLNET PERMIT HOLDERS:** From April 15 through June 30, the fishing periods for gillnet permit holders are from noon on odd-numbered days until noon on even-numbered days. Continuous fishing, by gillnet permit holders, announced by EO, may occur if participation and overharvest concerns are low.

Regulations stipulate a 24 hour closed period for both gear types, from noon on even-numbered days until noon on odd-numbered days. This “day-on, day-off” schedule will apply to most sections allocated to seine gear, except for those to be managed under EO authority. It is anticipated that gillnet effort will again be low in 2007, due to poor market conditions. As a result, gillnet only sections will remain open until further notice by EO. If effort is higher than anticipated, the EO provision will be rescinded and fishing periods in gillnet only sections will fall back to the schedule in regulation.

ADF&G may use EO authority to restrict fishing time and open areas in any section if over harvest concerns exist during the season.

### **Emergency Order Fishing Areas and Management for Enhanced Value**

The Outer Ugak Bay Section will not open by regulation on April 15. This section will open by EO when an ADF&G field crew is available to be stationed there.

Three other areas will not follow the standard fishing schedule, but will instead be managed inseason by EO. In 2007, Kodiak area management biologists will actively manage the fisheries within these sections to enhance the value of the landed product and control harvest rates.

- Danger Bay Section of the South Afognak District
- Village Islands/Uganik Bays Section of the Uganik District
- Inner Uyak Bay Section of the Uyak District

ADF&G will manage the Danger Bay, Village Islands/Uganik Bay, and Inner Uyak Bay sections fisheries by EO to enhance the value of the landed product. The intent is to time the fisheries so that the mature roe content of the catch is the highest possible and direct the fishery into areas where the catch is composed of large herring (5 AAC 27.059). These sections have relatively large spawning biomass, early spawn timing, and generally experience high effort levels by fishermen. Also, large numbers of small, recruit-age herring may be present in these fisheries. Management biologists will attempt to minimize the harvest of small-young herring. Combined, these three areas comprise 2,120 tons, or 53%, of the total KMA GHL in 2007.

When marketable herring are found, ADF&G will, as necessary, use EO authority to control overharvest by limiting the duration of fishing periods and/or the specific portion of a section that may open. As much advance notice as possible will be given prior to any potential fishing period. Fishing periods in actively managed sections may be short, followed by a closed period to allow time to assess the harvest and roe percentage before allowing additional fishing. EO announcements concerning opening time, fishing period duration, and the open area within a section, will be made on VHF channel 6.

ADF&G may also restrict the amount of herring harvested in a short period areawide, due to processor quality and capacity concerns. Early in the season, the potential exists for having a

large amount of herring caught and delivered to processing plants in a single day. Product quality problems may occur if herring must wait to be processed due to large harvests.

ADF&G will manage the Danger Bay, Village Islands/Uganik Bays, and Inner Uyak Bay Sections based on the size of their GHs, the observed biomass in these fishing areas, commercial fishing effort, and the spawn timing of these stocks. In the Village Islands/Uganik Bays Section, both gear types will fish within the same section, and additional restrictions will apply (see below). ADF&G, fishermen, and buyers must work closely in season to control harvest rates and target high quality roe herring.

It is expected that fisheries will be restricted to small areas and short periods, depending on the available biomass, the amount of fishing effort, and the results from samples collected during the test fishery. At the discretion of the management biologist, test fisheries will be conducted every day until good quality herring (approximately 11% roe recovery) are located. Fishery openings will occur in locations where roe testing has shown high quality herring are present. Once commercial fisheries begin, additional test fisheries may be needed to identify the best quality fish for subsequent openings. ADF&G will strive to coordinate the three EO purse seine fisheries with the regulatory fishing periods for purse seine gear in the remainder of the KMA.

### **Test Fishing**

ADF&G would like to enlist the help of Kodiak herring sac roe fishermen within the EO fisheries. Conducting test sets prior to fishery openings will allow sampling for fish size and roe maturity.

Prior to any fishery in the Danger Bay, Village Islands/Uganik Bays, the Inner Uyak Bay Sections, the management biologist on the grounds will seek volunteer fishermen to conduct the test sets. The boats chosen to make test fishing sets will be determined by the management biologist. In some circumstances, there may be a need to select more than one boat to make a test set. All test fishing will be coordinated and directed by the ADF&G management biologist on the grounds. No test set will be allowed without consulting with the management biologist, either in person or via VHF radio channel 6.

Small amounts of herring from each test set will be kept for roe and size testing by industry personnel. From 75 to 150 pounds of herring should be randomly selected from each set for a sample. Herring will be tested for mature roe recovery (%) and average weight (grams) aboard the fishing vessel or may be transported to a central fishing boat or tender for later testing, as determined by the ADF&G management biologist and fishermen in the area.

ADF&G staff will not conduct roe recovery testing; industry personnel (processor technicians, fishermen, or tendermen) are expected to determine roe maturity and percent recovery. Instructions on how to determine roe quality and recovery percentages may be available from buyers and processors. Additionally, processors establish minimum size requirements (average weights) for the herring that they will purchase. All fishermen are urged to check with their market to determine what roe recovery and size limits will be required by the buyer. Management biologists will attempt to manage fisheries so that industry roe recovery and size requirements are met or exceeded. ADF&G will broadcast test fishery results on VHF channel 6, as they become available.

## **Danger Bay Section Management**

The Danger Bay Section has a GHL of 120 tons and will be assigned to purse seine gear only in 2007 (Table 3). Due to the potential of overharvest of herring, a management biologist will manage the Danger Bay Section for roe quality and size of herring.

ADF&G vessel *R/V Resolution* will be stationed in Danger Bay on April 15 and will manage the fishery by EO. Permit holders wishing to fish in the Danger Bay Section are urged to meet with the management biologist at 10:00 a.m. Sunday April 15, aboard the *R/V Resolution* to volunteer for test fishing and discuss how the fishery will be managed. What portion of these sections will open and the duration of each fishing period will be determined by the ADF&G management biologist on the grounds aboard the *R/V Resolution*. Test fishing will begin no earlier than noon on Sunday, April 15. ADF&G will attempt to target the fishery on herring with approximately 11% roe recovery on the grounds.

## **Village Islands/Uganik Bays Section Management**

The Village Islands, Northeast Arm Uganik, East Arm Uganik, and South Arm Uganik Sections will be managed as one section, with a GHL of 1,700 tons. In order to properly allocate herring within the Uganik District, both purse seine and gillnet gear will be allowed to fish within these combined sections. For the Village Islands/Uganik Bays, the purse seine permit holders GHL is 1,350 tons and the gillnet permit holders GHL is 350 tons (Table 3).

These sections will be actively managed by EO, by an ADF&G management biologist present aboard the ADF&G *R/V K-Hi-C*. Permit holders wishing to fish in these sections are urged to meet with the management biologist at 10:00 a.m. Sunday April 15, aboard the *R/V K-Hi-C* to volunteer for test fishing and discuss how the fishery will be managed.

To alleviate the potential for gear conflicts, it is expected that Village Islands/Uganik Bays fisheries for these gear types will be separated by date. ADF&G will attempt to prosecute purse seine fisheries on odd-numbered days of the month of April and fishing time will occur from noon and unlikely after 9:00 p.m.

For gillnet gear, fishing periods will likely begin at 9:00 a.m. on even-numbered days of April and close by 9:00 a.m. the following odd numbered day (24 hour open period). Only a portion of the Village Islands/Uganik Bays Section will be open to either gear type and EO announcements will be made to define the open area to fishing. This is a general framework within which EO openings may occur. It is not expected that gillnet fishing periods will begin until after at least one successful purse seine fishing period has occurred. This should ensure that high quality herring are present on the grounds.

Once the GHL for one gear group has been met, the fishing time for the other gear type that has not met its allocation could occur on any day.

## **Inner Uyak Bay Section Management**

The Inner Uyak Bay Section has a GHL of 300 tons and will be open to purse seine gear only in 2007 (Table 3). The Inner Uyak Bay Section will be managed for roe quality and size of herring. ADF&G will attempt to target the fishery on herring with approximately 11% roe recovery on the grounds. The department vessel *R/V Resolution* will be stationed in Uyak Bay to manage the fishery; however, the vessel and biologist will not be available to manage the fishery on April 15. The *R/V Resolution* will initially manage the Danger Bay Section in the South Afognak District;

once that section is closed, the vessel will travel directly to Uyak Bay. ADF&G will issue a News Release with at least 24 hours advanced notice for a potential fishing period for the Inner Uyak Bay Section. Once the *R/V Resolution* is in the Inner Uyak Bay Section, the department will seek test fish volunteers. The department will conduct purse seine fishing on odd numbered days of the month of April. Purse seine periods will likely occur from noon to 9:00 p.m. All fishing periods will be made by EO, with time and area restrictions.

Permit holders wishing to fish in this section are urged to meet with the management biologist aboard the *R/V Resolution*, to volunteer for test fishing and discuss how the fishery will be managed.

### **Alitak District Changes in Section Descriptions and Management**

In 2005 new information on the distribution of herring in the Alitak District has resulted in ADF&G modifying (by EO) the description of five sections for the 2007 season.

The modified descriptions of sections are as follows:

AL 20 – Inner Alitak Bay Section: all waters enclosed by a line from Cape Alitak to Cape Trinity, south of a line across Olga Narrows at 57°03.38' N. lat., south of 56°58.02' N. lat. in Alitak Bay and west of 153°57.90' W. long. at Portage Bay.

AL 30 – Sulua Bay Section: All waters of Sulua and Portage Bays east of 153°57.90' W. long.

AL 40 – Lower Olga – Moser Bay: All waters of Lower Olga Bay north of a line across the Olga narrows at 57°03.38' N. Lat. and south of a line across the entrance of Upper Olga Bay at 57°07.30' N. lat.

AL 41 – North Olga Bay: All waters of Upper Olga Bay north of a line across the entrance of Upper Olga Bay at 57°07.30' N. lat. and east of a line across Upper Olga Bay at 154°16.06' W. long.

AL 50 – South Olga Bay: All waters of Upper Olga Bay west of a line across Upper Olga Bay at 154°16.06' W. long.

Section AL31, Portage Bay, has been eliminated.

The 2007 KMA Herring Statistical Charts and Figure 2 show these changes in section line boundaries.

The sum of the Alitak District sections with established GHGs is 450 tons for 2007 (Table 3). The sections within the Alitak District with established GHGs will be assigned to each gear group and the “standard” fishing period schedule for the respective gears types will begin on April 15.

## **ADF&G AND INDUSTRY COOPERATION**

Management of the herring sac roe fishery relies primarily on harvest data collected by ADF&G field crews. Timely harvest information is essential to fishery management. In addition to the management biologists aboard the *R/V Resolution* and *R/V K-Hi-C*, ADF&G will station technicians in mobile field camps in sections where the highest fishing activity is expected (Table 4). Field crews will initially be stationed at Amee Bay and in Kiliuda Bay, both within the Eastside District. On-the-grounds monitoring of fisheries is limited in some sections, and may occur incidental to monitoring efforts in adjacent sections. ADF&G staff will make frequent

contact with permit holders to collect harvest data, fleet movement information, spawn observations, and observations of juvenile and adult herring concentrations.

Permit holders and tender operators are encouraged to keep ADF&G field crews aware of herring harvests. In exploratory sections and all sections where a field crew is not present, if a harvest does occur, fishermen, tenders, or buyers should immediately contact area management biologists in Kodiak or onboard the *R/V Resolution* and *R/V K-Hi-C*. Past cooperation between ADF&G, the fishing fleet, and buyers has been very good, and it is hoped that this will continue. If cooperation is lacking, closure of sections for the remainder of the season may be necessary, and future openings will be closely evaluated. Fishermen are strongly encouraged to sample catches prior to landing in order to harvest the highest value product possible.

Permit holders and spotter pilots are encouraged to provide biomass estimates, juvenile herring observations, and spawn observations to ADF&G field crews or management staff. Past cooperation has helped evaluate stock status and gain critical management information. All information from fishermen and spotters pilots will remain confidential. Of particular interest are any observations of herring in closed management sections. Timely information will be used by management staff to conduct aerial or hydroacoustic surveys to assess herring stock strength.

Samples from the commercial herring harvests need to be collected by ADF&G field crews and management biologists. Once again, industry cooperation is greatly appreciated. ADF&G staff will also collect samples of juvenile herring. Samples are primarily used to monitor age composition and, when used with other stock performance indicators, will assist in determining stock status. Support and assistance from the industry is necessary for this style of fishery management to be successful. This support should result in a more manageable fishery, greater economic benefit to the permit holders, and ensure the long-term health of the KMA herring stocks.

## **CATCH REPORTING FOR BUYERS AND TENDERS**

Processors and independent tender operators are required to provide timely daily catch reports by section. Herring on board tenders that have not yet been delivered to a processing facility must also be reported. Timely and accurate harvest reports received from field crews, permit holders, tender operators, spotters, and processors are critical in the assessment of herring harvests and guide the management of the fishery. Inaccurate or late information could result in premature area closures or overharvest. Catch reporting procedures and ADF&G contact information is listed on the registration permit.

### **REGISTRATION PERMIT**

Each KMA tender operator and buyer must obtain a registration permit from the ADF&G in the Kodiak office, either in person or through an authorized agent (5 AAC 27.540). A registration permit is required prior to taking fish on board the tender or taking fish at the processing plant. Tenders are required to complete ADF&G fish tickets for each delivery. The fish ticket must have the fisherman's permit information legibly recorded, and must show how many pounds of fish were harvested (the on-the-grounds weight), date of harvest, and section from which the fish were harvested.

## **PERMIT HOLDER REGISTRATION**

From April 15 through May 8 there are no registration permit requirements for herring sac roe permit holders.

After May 8, all KMA herring sac roe permit holders are required to register with ADF&G and must have a registration permit aboard in order to participate in the herring sac roe fishery (5 AAC 27.510 (a)(4)). It is the responsibility of the permit holders to keep the department informed of fishing activity and report herring harvests daily. The registration permit will outline reporting requirements by gear type. Permits will be available from ADF&G in Kodiak and on the fishing grounds beginning May 1, 2007.

Purse seine permit holders are reminded that they may use only one purse seine vessel to take herring – either the vessel identified on the permit card or a replacement vessel. If a Kodiak sac roe seine permit holder intends to fish with a different vessel than is listed on their permit card, they must register the replacement vessel with Kodiak management staff (5 AAC 27.525 (d)).

## **TRANSPORTATION PERMITS**

All KMA herring sac roe permit holders that intend to transport herring, other than their own commercially harvested herring, are required to have in their possession a Fish Transporter Permit. Permit applications are available at the Kodiak Department of Fish and Game office.

## **EMERGENCY ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Two types of EOs may be issued inseason by the ADF&G for the KMA herring sac roe fishery: 1) announcements of short commercial fishing periods in the Danger Bay, the Village Islands/Uganik Bays, and the Inner Uyak Bay Sections; and 2) announcements of in-period fishery closures in all other sections, which follow the standard fishing periods. When a preseason GHL for a section is approached or achieved, that section will be closed for the remainder of the season. Due to the rapid pace of the harvest in certain locations, in-period closures are likely. When in-period closures are necessary, there may be as little as five minutes advanced notice prior to the closure time, or less if practical. In-period closures will be announced on VHF channel 6. Fishermen and tender operators should monitor VHF channel 6 to remain aware of section closures.

At any time during the season, if ADF&G determines that herring stock abundance is below preseason expectations, sections may be closed prior to reaching their GHL.

A news release will be issued to announce fishery decisions such as openings, closures, area restrictions, etc. News releases are distributed to processors, local radio stations and newspapers, and other interested parties. Contact the Kodiak herring area management biologists at the Kodiak ADF&G office to become part of the fax or email distribution lists for herring news releases.

All permit holders, tender operators, and processors are responsible for staying updated on section closures as they occur inseason. To accomplish this:

- 1) Contact the herring management staff in the Kodiak office, in person, by telephone at 486-1830, using Matrix AlaskaNet Satellite Dispatch at #7410, or the department cell phone 539-5495.

- 2) Contact ADF&G field personnel on VHF channel 6 or using Matrix Alaska Net Satellite Dispatch (*R/V Resolution* - #7411, and *R/V K-Hi-C* - #7412).
- 3) Contact any local herring processor for the latest Kodiak herring news release.
- 4) Call the ADF&G 24-hour recorded message phone at 486-4559.
- 5) Obtain a copy of the most recent news release from the Kodiak ADF&G office at 211 Mission Road (copies are available 24 hours per day in a bin located outside the main entrance to the building).
- 6) Listen to the ADF&G reports broadcast over the local AM and FM radio stations (consult stations for broadcast times).
- 7) New release may also be found on the web at:  
<http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region4/finfish/herring/herrhom4.php>

### **HERRING TEST FISHERY PROGRAM**

A herring test fishery program is proposed for the 2007 season to generate funds to be used for Kodiak herring fishery management and research projects. However, herring prices may be too low to warrant the necessary amount of harvest needed to generate the desired funds. ADF&G may request bids from processors and/or fishermen for the harvest and purchase of herring if prices approach \$400/ton. Contact a Kodiak herring management biologist at the ADF&G office for more details.

## **TABLES AND FIGURES**

**Table 1.-**Historical harvest data for the commercial herring sac roe and food/bait fisheries and percent of the total annual herring harvest that occurs by fishery, Kodiak Management Area, 1964 to 2006.

Year	Sac Roe Harvest (Tons)	Food/Bait Harvest (Tons)	Total Herring Harvest (Tons)	Sac Roe Fishery Percent of Total Harvest (%)	Food/Bait Fishery Percent of Total Harvest (%)
1964	568	310	878	65%	35%
1965	657	35	692	95%	5%
1966	2,769	198	2,967	93%	7%
1967	1,662	300	1,962	85%	15%
1968	2,001	15	2,016	99%	1%
1969	1,130	11	1,141	99%	1%
1970	342	8	350	98%	2%
1971	284	44	328	87%	13%
1972	215	50	265	81%	19%
1973	831	178	1,009	82%	18%
1974	868	40	908	96%	4%
1975	8	5	13	62%	38%
1976	5	0	5	100%	0%
1977	338	0	338	100%	0%
1978	904	399	1,303	69%	31%
1979	1,735	125	1,860	93%	7%
1980	2,383	381	2,764	86%	14%
1981	2,065	18	2,083	99%	1%
1982	1,771	326	2,097	84%	16%
1983	2,318	33	2,351	99%	1%
1984	2,163	123	2,286	95%	5%
1985	1,968	102	2,070	95%	5%
1986	1,558	213	1,771	88%	12%
1987	2,146	217	2,363	91%	9%
1988	2,171	340	2,511	86%	14%
1989	2,249	345	2,594	87%	13%
1990	2,347	313	2,660	88%	12%
1991	2,432	215	2,647	92%	8%
1992	4,283	312	4,595	93%	7%
1993	4,929	837	5,766	85%	15%
1994	5,893	677	6,570	90%	10%
1995	4,604	507	5,111	90%	10%
1996	3,386	651	4,037	84%	16%
1997	3,235	756	3,991	81%	19%
1998	2,057	151	2,208	93%	7%
1999	1,651	0	1,651	100%	0%
2000	1,370	0	1,370	100%	0%
2001	1,694	115	1,809	94%	6%
2002	1,677	135	1,812	93%	7%
2003	1,992	199	2,191	91%	9%
2004	3,167	190	3,357	94%	6%
2005	3,463	168	3,631	95%	5%
2006	2,643	169	2,812	94%	6%
Average					
1964 to 2006	1,998	214	2,213	90%	10%
10 Year					
1997 to 2006	2,295	188	2,606	88%	7%
5 Year					
2002 to 2006	2,588	172	2,761	94%	6%

**Table 2.-Herring sac roe fishery summary of season length, guideline harvest levels (GHL), harvest data by gear type, percentage of harvest by gear type, number of landings, and estimated exvessel earnings, Kodiak Management Area, 1979 to 2006.**

Year	Season Length (Days)	GHL (Tons)	Total Harvest (Tons)	Harvest by Gear Type		Percent Harvest by Gear Type		Number of Landings by Gear Type		Units of Gear Fished <sup>a</sup>		Average Catch by Gear		Estimated Average Earnings <sup>b</sup>		Price per Ton <sup>b</sup> (\$)	Estimated Exvessel Total Value <sup>b</sup> (\$)
				Seine (Tons)	Gillnet (Tons)	Seine	Gillnet	Seine	Gillnet	Seine	Gillnet	Seine (Tons)	Gillnet (Tons)	Seine (\$)	Gillnet (\$)		
1979	36	2,400	1,735	1,457	278	84%	16%	-	-	57	125	26	2	\$38,342	\$3,336	\$1,500	\$2,602,500
1980	35	2,400	2,383	2,009	374	84%	16%	-	-	92	109	22	3	\$15,068	\$2,368	\$690	\$1,644,270
1981	48	2,400	2,065	1,596	469	77%	23%	207	406	79	114	20	4	\$14,647	\$2,983	\$725	\$1,497,125
1982	59	2,400	1,771	1,447	324	82%	18%	138	191	45	67	32	5	\$17,686	\$2,660	\$550	\$974,050
1983	51	2,400	2,319	1,797	522	77%	23%	164	284	41	64	44	8	\$35,063	\$6,525	\$800	\$1,855,200
1984	54	2,400	2,163	1,691	472	78%	22%	138	212	39	69	43	7	\$34,687	\$5,472	\$800	\$1,730,400
1985	59	2,000	1,968	1,244	724	63%	37%	118	348	34	81	37	9	\$32,929	\$8,044	\$900	\$1,771,200
1986	61	1,690	1,558	1,110	448	71%	29%	132	385	31	71	36	6	\$34,016	\$5,994	\$950	\$1,480,100
1987	61	1,640	2,146	1,591	554	74%	26%	122	411	29	62	55	9	\$54,862	\$8,935	\$1,000	\$2,146,000
1988	59	2,065	2,171	1,304	867	60%	40%	169	555	33	76	40	11	\$51,370	\$14,830	\$1,300	\$2,822,300
1989	76	2,415	2,249	1,513	736	67%	33%	171	627	37	83	41	9	\$34,758	\$7,537	\$850	\$1,911,650
1990	75	2,375	2,347	1,644	703	70%	30%	156	544	27	63	61	11	\$51,756	\$9,485	\$850	\$1,994,950
1991	83	2,510	2,432	1,697	735	70%	30%	169	587	32	64	53	11	\$45,077	\$9,762	\$850	\$2,067,200
1992	77	2,720	4,283	3,260	1,023	76%	24%	185	706	40	74	82	14	\$40,750	\$6,912	\$500	\$2,141,500
1993	77	3,525	4,929	4,203	726	85%	15%	237	294	41	86	103	8	\$56,382	\$4,643	\$550	\$2,710,950
1994	71	4,550	5,893	4,976	917	84%	16%	285	485	66	57	75	16	\$60,315	\$12,870	\$800	\$4,714,400
1995	73	4,480	4,604	3,837	768	83%	17%	280	642	73	71	53	11	\$66,858	\$13,759	\$1,272	\$5,856,288
1996	69	4,180	3,386	2,322	1,064	69%	31%	202	890	57	74	41	14	\$81,474	\$28,757	\$2,000	\$6,772,000
1997	49	3,435	3,235	2,629	606	81%	19%	183	418	64	59	41	10	\$20,539	\$5,136	\$500	\$1,617,500
1998	50	2,030	2,057	1,954	103	95%	5%	110	26	35	7	56	15	\$27,914	\$7,357	\$500	\$1,028,500
1999	38	1,495	1,651	1,589	62	96%	4%	94	16	31	5	51	12	\$33,984	\$8,221	\$663	\$1,094,613
2000 <sup>c</sup>	37	1,735	1,370	1,290	80	94%	6%	57	23	31	10	42	8	\$29,129	\$5,600	\$700	\$959,000
2001	47	1,540	1,694	1,412	282	83%	17%	67	37	33	9	43	31	\$21,394	\$15,667	\$500	\$847,000
2002	46	1,860	1,677	1,274	403	76%	24%	37	50	30	14	42	29	\$21,233	\$14,393	\$500	\$838,500
2003	42	2,600	1,992	1,738	254	87%	13%	59	45	31	11	56	23	\$28,032	\$11,545	\$500	\$996,000
2004	42	2,850	3,167	2,894	273	91%	9%	95	36	27	11	107	25	\$53,593	\$12,409	\$500	\$1,583,500
2005	31	3,475	3,463	2,932	531	85%	15%	134	61	32	12	92	44	\$45,813	\$22,125	\$500	\$1,731,500
2006	34	3,705	2,643	2,617	26	99%	1%	86	*	21	*	125	*	\$34,270	*	\$275	\$726,825
Average																	
1979 to 2006	55	2,617	2,620	2,108	512	80%	20%	146	331	42	57	50	13	\$38,641	\$9,318	\$787	\$2,075,536
10 Year																	
1997 to 2006	45	2,473	2,295	2,033	262	89%	11%	92	79	34	15	65	21	\$31,590	\$10,603	\$514	\$1,142,294
5 Year																	
2002 to 2006	42	2,898	2,588	2,291	297	88%	12%	82	48	28	12	84	27	\$36,588	\$12,809	\$455	\$1,175,265

<sup>a</sup> From 1979 to 1998 fishery participation was based on vessels making landings; 1999 to 2006 data is based on actual fishery participation.

<sup>b</sup> Exvessel values are based on dock delivered herring and inseason data.

<sup>c</sup> Beginning in 2000, an allocative harvest strategy was in effect.

**Table 3.-**List of districts and management sections, guideline harvest levels (GHLs), closed sections, and district allocation percentages for the herring sac roe fishery, Kodiak Management Area, 2007.

Statistical Area	Management Section	2007 Guideline		
		Harvest Level Tons	Purse Seine Tons	Gillnet Tons
<b><i>NORTH AFOGNAK DISTRICT</i></b>				
NA10	Shuyak Island	CLOSED	-	-
NA20	Delphin Bay	CLOSED	-	-
NA30	Perenos Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
NA40	Seal Bay	CLOSED	-	-
NA50	Tonki Bay	20	20	CLOSED
<b><i>WEST AFOGNAK DISTRICT</i></b>				
WA10	Raspberry Strait	10	CLOSED	10
WA20	Malina Bay	10	CLOSED	10
WA31	Paramanof Bay	CLOSED	-	-
WA32	Foul Bay	CLOSED	-	-
WA40	Blue Fox/Devil's Inlet	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
WA50	Offshore W. Afognak	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>SOUTH AFOGNAK DISTRICT</i></b>				
SA10	Izhut Bay	40	CLOSED	40
SA20	Kitoi Bay	* Note: SA10, SA20, and SA30 will be managed as one section.		
SA30	MacDonalds Lagoon	* Note: SA10, SA20, and SA30 will be managed as one section.		
SA40	Danger Bay	120	120	CLOSED
SA50	Litnik	CLOSED	-	-
SA60	Duck Bay	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>TOTAL ALL AFOGNAK DISTRICTS</i></b>		200	140	60
<b><i>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</i></b>			70.0%	30.0%
<b><i>UGANIK DISTRICT</i></b>				
UG10	Kupreanof	CLOSED	-	-
UG20	Viekoda Bay	25	CLOSED	25
UG21	Terror Bay	30	CLOSED	30
UG30	Village Islands	1,700	1,350	350
UG31	West Uganik Passage	40	-	40
UG32	NE Arm Uganik Bay	* Note: UG30, UG32, UG33, and UG34 will be managed as one section with 1,200 ton GHL for purse seine gear and 300 ton GHL for gillnet gear.		
UG33	East Arm Uganik Bay			
UG34	South Arm Uganik Bay			
UG40	Offshore Uganik	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>DISTRICT TOTAL</i></b>		1,795	1,350	445
<b><i>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</i></b>			75.2%	24.8%
<b><i>UYAK DISTRICT</i></b>				
UY10	Offshore Uyak	CLOSED	-	-
UY20	Harvester Island	CLOSED	-	-
UY30	Inner Uyak	300	300	CLOSED
UY32	Browns Lagoon	50	CLOSED	50
UY31	Larsen Bay	CLOSED	-	-
UY40	Zachar Bay	40	CLOSED	40
UY50	Spiridon Bay	10	CLOSED	10
<b><i>DISTRICT TOTAL</i></b>		400	300	100
<b><i>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</i></b>			75.0%	25.0%

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Statistical Area	Management Section	2007 Guideline		
		<u>Harvest Level</u> Tons	<u>Purse Seine</u> Tons	<u>Gillnet</u> Tons
<b>ALITAK DISTRICT</b>				
AL10	Outer Alitak	CLOSED	-	-
AL20	Inner Alitak	75	75	CLOSED
AL21	Inner Deadman Bay	75	75	CLOSED
AL22	Outer Deadman Bay	75	75	CLOSED
AL30	Sulua Bay	75	CLOSED	75
AL31	Portage Bay	<i>(New section boundaries split this section with AL20 and AL30)</i>		
AL40	Lower Olga/Moser	50	CLOSED	50
AL41	No. Upper Olga Bay	50	50	CLOSED
AL50	Upper Olga Bay	50	50	CLOSED
AL60	Geese/Twoheaded	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>		450	325	125
<b>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</b>			72.2%	27.8%
<b>STURGEON/HALIBUT DISTRICT</b>				
SH10	Sturgeon/Halibut	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>EASTSIDE DISTRICT</b>				
EA10	Kaiugnak	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
EA20	SW. Sitkalidak	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
EA21	Three Saints Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
EA22	Newman Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
EA23	W. Sitkalidak Strait	125	125	CLOSED
EA24	Barling Bay	75	75	CLOSED
EA30	E. Sitkalidak Strait	150	150	CLOSED
EA31	Tanginak Anchorage	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
EA40	Outer Sitkalidak	CLOSED	-	-
EA41	Boulder Bay	CLOSED	-	-
EA42	Shearwater Bay	40	CLOSED	40
EA43	Outer Kiliuda Bay	200	200	CLOSED
EA44	Inner Kiliuda Bay	75	CLOSED	75
EA50	Outer Ugak Bay	250	250	CLOSED
EA51	Inner Ugak Bay	150	CLOSED	150
EA52	Pasagshak Bay	CLOSED	-	-
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>		1,065	800	265
<b>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</b>			75.1%	24.9%
<b>NORTHEAST DISTRICT</b>				
NE10	Womens Bay	30	CLOSED	30
NE20	Kalsin Bay	CLOSED	-	-
NE30	Middle Bay	CLOSED	-	-
NE40	Inshore Chiniak	CLOSED	-	-
NE50	Offshore Chiniak	CLOSED	-	-
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>		30	CLOSED	30
<b>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</b>			0%	100%

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Statistical Area	Management Section	2007 Guideline		
		<u>Harvest Level</u> Tons	<u>Purse Seine</u> Tons	<u>Gillnet</u> Tons
<b><i>INNER MARMOT DISTRICT</i></b>				
IM10	Monashka Bay	CLOSED	-	-
IM20	Anton Larsen Bay	CLOSED	-	-
IM30	Sharatin Bay	CLOSED	-	-
IM40	Kizhuyak Bay	60	CLOSED	60
IM50	Spruce Island	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>DISTRICT TOTAL</i></b>		60	0	60
<b><i>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</i></b>			0.0%	100.0%
<b><i>NORTH MAINLAND DISTRICT</i></b>				
NM10	Hallo Bay	CLOSED	-	-
NM20	Inner Kukak	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
NM30	Outer Kukak	CLOSED	-	-
NM40	Missak Bay	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>MID MAINLAND DISTRICT</i></b>				
MM10	Inner Katmai	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
MM20	Outer Katmai	CLOSED	-	-
MM30	Alinchak	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
MM40	Puale Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
MM50	Portage Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
MM60	Outer Portage	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>SOUTH MAINLAND DISTRICT</i></b>				
SM10	Wide Bay	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY	EXPLORATORY
SM20	Lower Shelikof	CLOSED	-	-
<b><i>MAINLAND DISTRICTS TOTAL</i></b>		0	0	0
<b><i>DISTRICT ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE</i></b>			0.0%	0.0%
<b><i>GRAND TOTAL</i></b>		4,000	2,915	1,085
<b><i>ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE ALL DISTRICTS</i></b>			72.9%	27.1%

**Table 4.-**Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries management staff, Kodiak Management Area, 2007.

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Management Biologists	Jeff Wadle/Geoff Spalinger
R/V Resolution:	
Boat Officer	Dennis Cox
Management Biologist	Joe Dinnocenzo
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Fishery Technician (crew leader)	Jon Becker
Fishery Technician (crew leader)	Tim Chiles
Fishery Technician	Jason Fox
Fishery Technician	David Goodie

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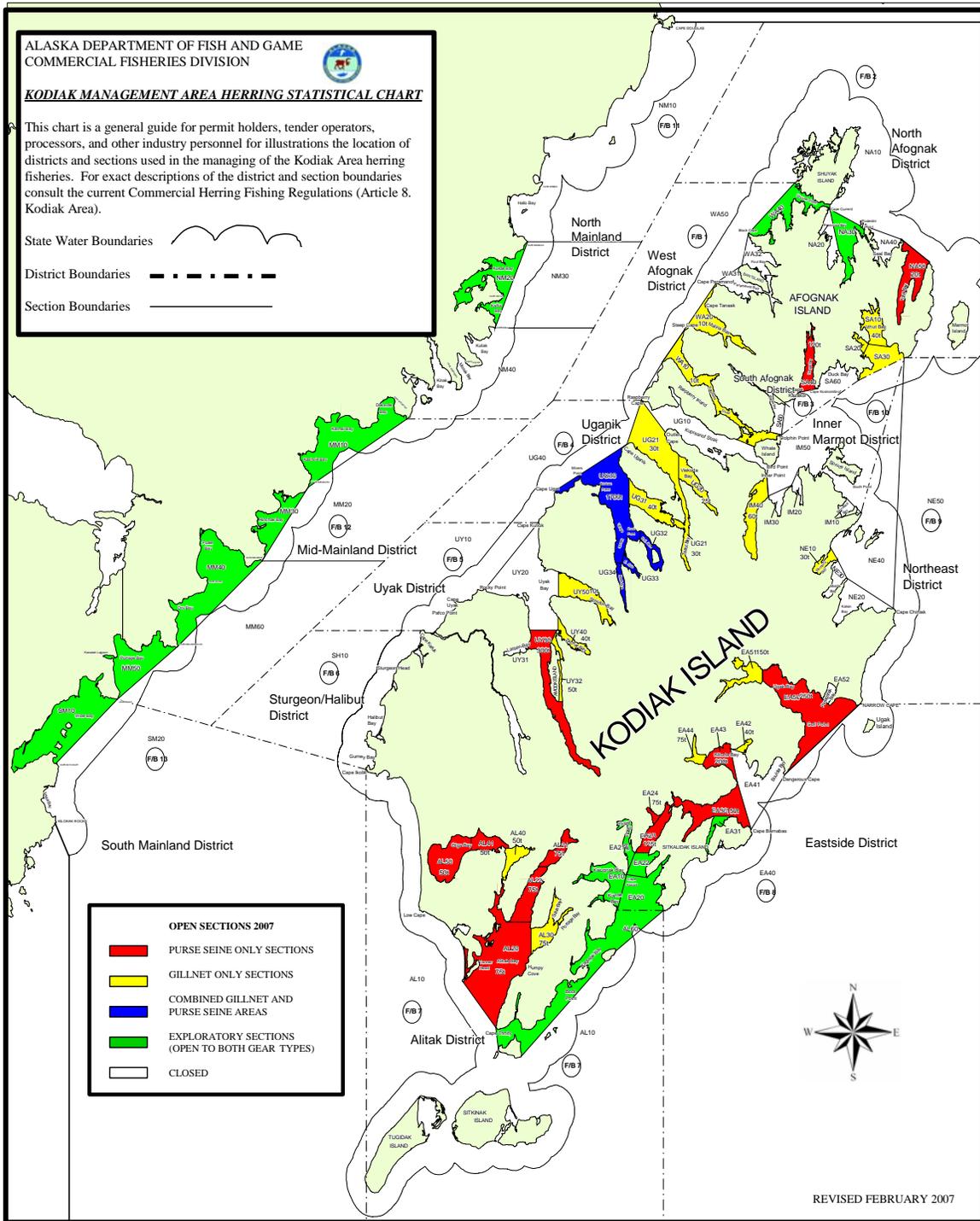
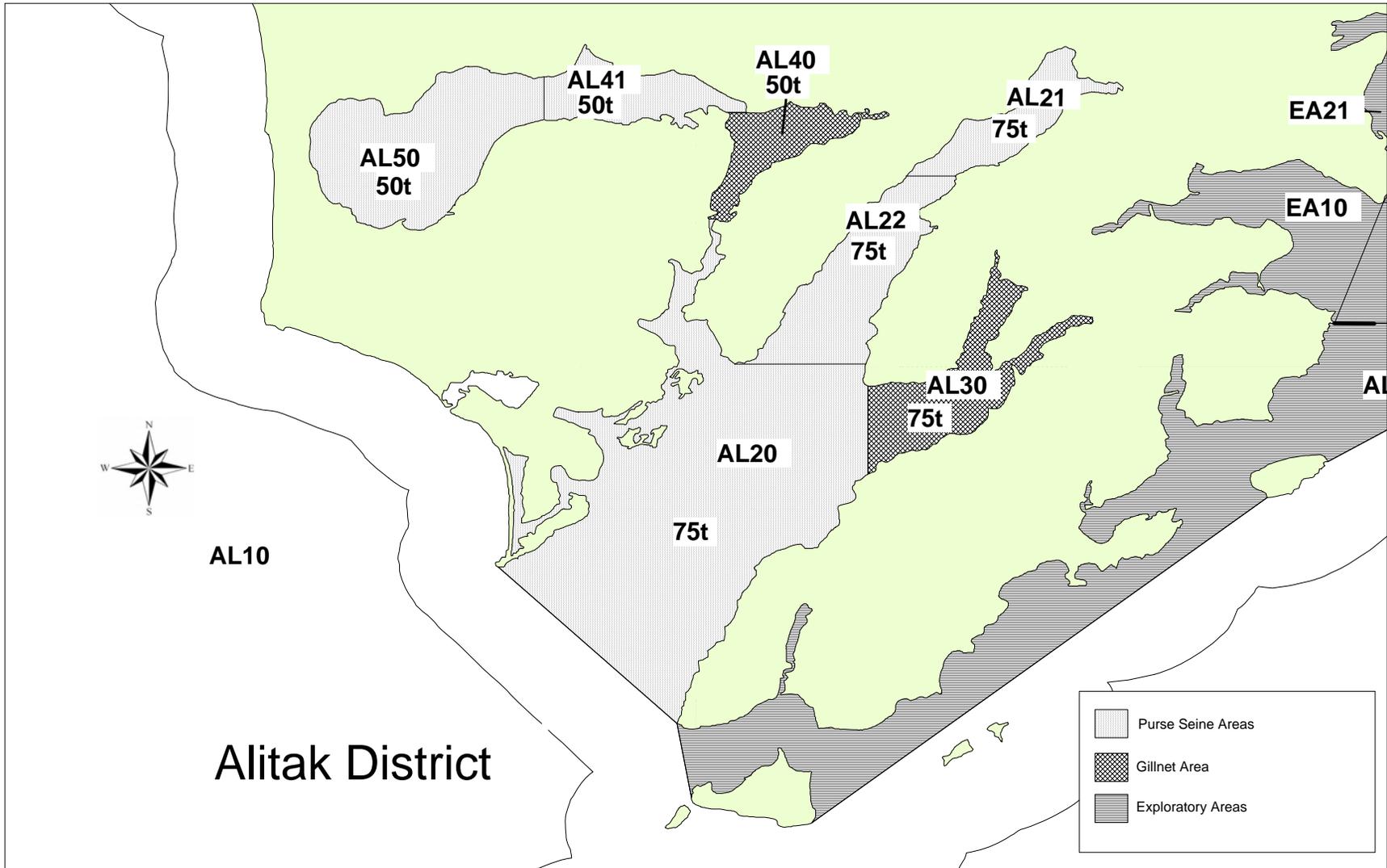


Figure 1.-Map of the Kodiak herring sac roe fishery by harvest areas, 2007.



**Figure 2.-**Map showing the section boundary lines that will be in effect for the Alitak District and exploratory areas of the Eastside District in 2007.