



Sitka Herring Sac Roe Pre Season Meeting Agenda
March 12, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
Zoom™

- Meeting protocol, staff introductions, and agenda review.
- Enforcement – Alaska Wildlife Troopers, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA.
- Brief review of 2025 fishery.

- 2025 Subsistence fishery review and harvest survey – Emily Doll.

- 2026 forecast – Dr. Sherri Dressel.

- 2026 Fishery – GHL 35,015 tons .
 - Registration – All fishing vessels, tender vessels, and processors must be registered. Foreign tenders may only receive fish in designated areas. Maps are available if needed.
 - Informational updates – VHF ch.10 announcements will be made at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or as necessary. Fishery updates will be issued through the advisory announcement system as time allows.
 - Vessel and aerial surveys – All survey information will be shared in fishery updates, online interactive maps (aerial survey only), or VHF broadcasts.
 - Herring quality.
 - Roe testing – ADFG will be coordinating the test fishing vessels inseason; test boats need to contact the Eric C before making a set and department skiffs will take the samples.
 - There will be no test setting within closed waters.
 - Initial samples will be worked up shoreside and plan on doing roe testing on the grounds as the season progresses.
 - Commercial fishery closure area – A map of the federal and state closures can be found on the ADF&G webpage on the SE herring page under the maps tab: [Southeast Alaska Herring, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)
 - Opening and closure announcements – Will occur on VHF Ch 10 unless otherwise announced and details of the fishery openings will be announced in fishery updates.
 - Opening notice timing will be made in consultation with industry but will be substantially shorter than 2 hours.
 - Closures may have as little as 5-minutes notice.
 - Open area boundaries – Latitude and longitude lines will be used whenever possible to define open areas but we may still use point to point.
 - Fishery area maps – Direct distribution of fishery area maps will be done via email and advisory announcement system if possible. Contact ADF&G in Sitka if you need help signing up for advisory announcements.
 - Fish ticket requirements – Each landing to a tender requires a completed fish ticket.

- Post-fishery processor reports – Department will be expecting estimates of tonnage within a few hours of closing.
- Harvest Strategy 2026.
- Stretching nets – Eastern Channel for now. After fisheries do not stretch nets between fishing area and town for safety concerns.
- Miscellaneous.
 - Whiting Harbor invasive tunicate species – Do Not Anchor in Whiting Harbor
 - Sunken vessel hazard in Eliason Harbor: Contact the Sitka Harbor Master for its location.
- Online interactive map of aerial survey data can be found here: [Southeast Alaska Herring, Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#)

Please contact Jessica Coonradt at 747-6688 for any issues concerning processor and vessel registrations.