

# Commerce order bans roe stripping

The U.S. secretary of the Department of Commerce recently signed an emergency order banning roe stripping in the pollock fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea, according to Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska.

"We all know that roe stripping is a wasteful practice that has adverse consequences for the resource and for our Alaska fisheries," Young said. "I am pleased that the secretary of commerce has recognized this and moved to halt it."

Young said the order is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 90 days, with an option for another 90-day renewal if necessary.

"This will get us through the roe season and give the North Pacific Fishery Management Council time to finish work on a permanent fishery management plan amendment," he said.