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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 17

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Crawfish Inlet to Salisbury Sound and Shoals Point. No herring schools were visible from the air today. Approximately 3.5 nautical miles (nmi) of herring spawn was observed in the Magoun Islands, St. John Baptist Bay, Eastern Bay, Sandy Cove, Redoubt Bay, and near Frosty Reef (Figure 1). Since March 23, a cumulative total of 72.0 nmi of herring spawn has been recorded in Sitka Sound.

Approximately 815 tons of herring were harvested in the fishery that occurred on April 2. Since March 22, an estimated 12,992 tons of herring have been harvested.

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery is open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily, in the waters of Salisbury Sound, St. John Baptist Bay, and Sukoi Inlet north of 57°16.40' N lat, south of the latitude of Point Kakul at 57°21.75' N lat, and east of 135°45.90' W long, in the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of 57°00.81' N lat and east of 135°21.93' W long, and in the waters within 3 nmi from the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of Povorotni Point at 56°57.13' N lat and north of 56°41.75' N lat, (near Aspid Cape) except for the waters of Whale and Necker Bays until closed by field or advisory announcement. Fishing boundaries and open times may be modified by subsequent announcement.

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Thursday, April 4.

All aerial herring survey data can be reviewed online, including spawn lines and photos, in an interactive map application found at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps> or scan:



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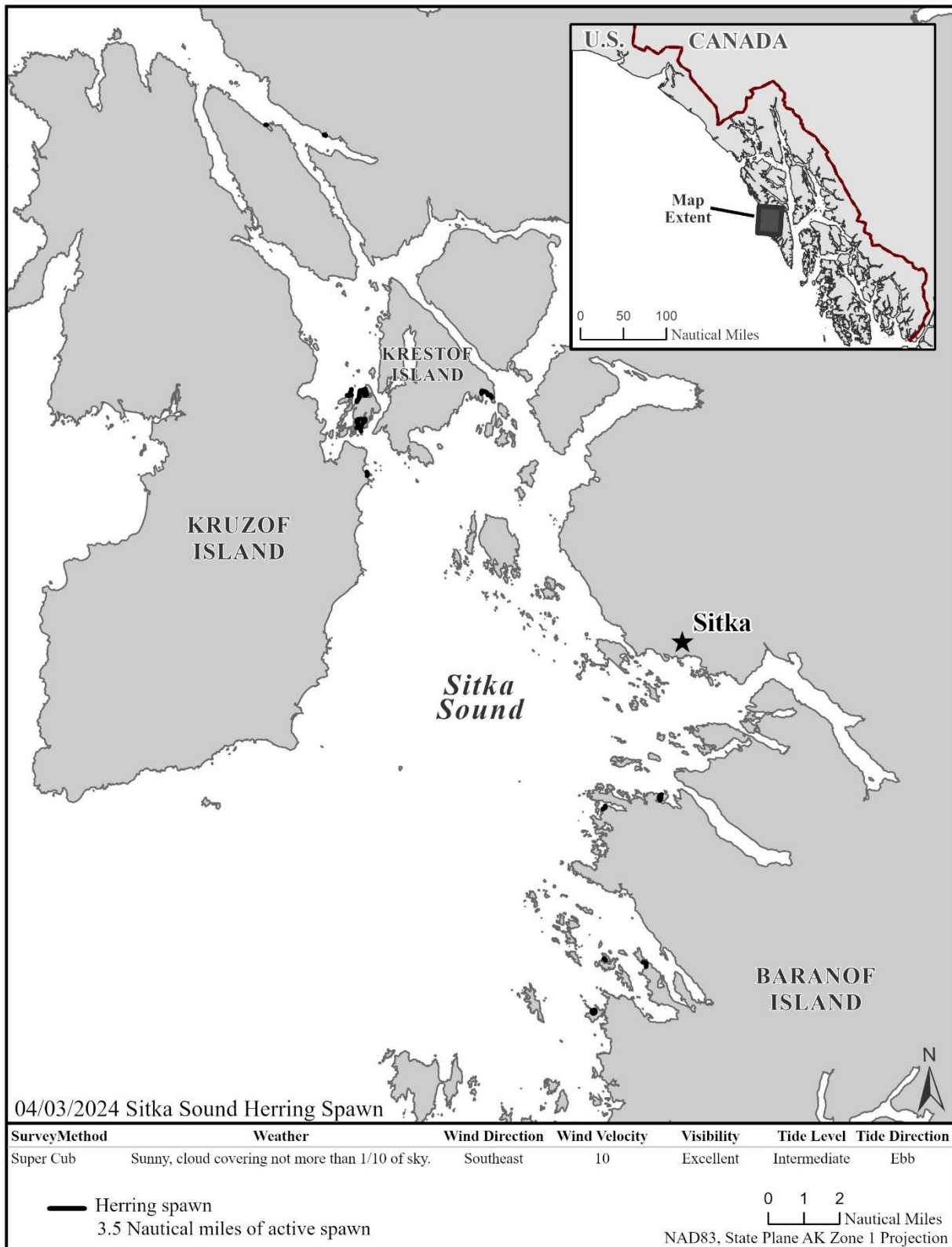


Figure 1.— Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 3, 2024.