



Advisory Announcement

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2024 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 11

Craig

The department received new information regarding herring activity in the Craig area on Wednesday, April 3, and aerial surveys were conducted on Thursday, April 4, and again today, April 5. During the April 4 survey, an additional 0.8 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was mapped on new shoreline on Wadleigh Island and the outer Alberto Islands. On today's survey, no active herring spawn was observed. The cumulative spawn in the Craig/Klawock area is 24.0 nmi (Figure 1). Several pounds had new herring introduced in recent days, while the majority of the pounds that had herring introduced have harvested their spawn-on kelp product. The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area beginning Saturday, April 6.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 17, 2024. A field announcement and advisory announcement were issued on Tuesday, March 26, extending the amount of time herring can be introduced into pound structures from four days to five days. Herring must still be released by noon on the seventh day.

2024 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 19, 2024	Limited predator activity.
March 21, 2024	1.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island.
March 22, 2024	3.6 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Ballena Islands.
March 23, 2024	9.0 nmi of spawn on the POW shoreline, Ballena, and Fish Egg Islands.
March 24, 2024	12.1 nmi of spawn on POW, Ballena, Balandra, Fish Egg, and San Juan Bautista Islands.
March 25, 2024	10.1 nmi of spawn on POW, Coronados, Fish Egg, and San Juan Bautista Islands.
March 26, 2024	8.7 nmi of spawn on POW, Coronados, and Fish Egg Islands.
March 27, 2024	1.2 nmi of spawn on Albertos and San Juan Bautista Islands, and Port Baigal.
March 28, 2024	0.1 nmi of spawn on Albertos Islands.
April 4, 2024	0.8 nmi of spawn on Wadleigh and Albertos Islands
April 5, 2024	Limited predator activity. No spawn observed.

Revilla Channel

The 2024 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 9.1 nmi. The *R/V Kestrel* concluded a herring spawn deposition dive survey on Friday, April 5, 2024. Results of the survey will be available in the fall of 2024.

Unless the department receives new information, no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Ketchikan area in 2024.

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:



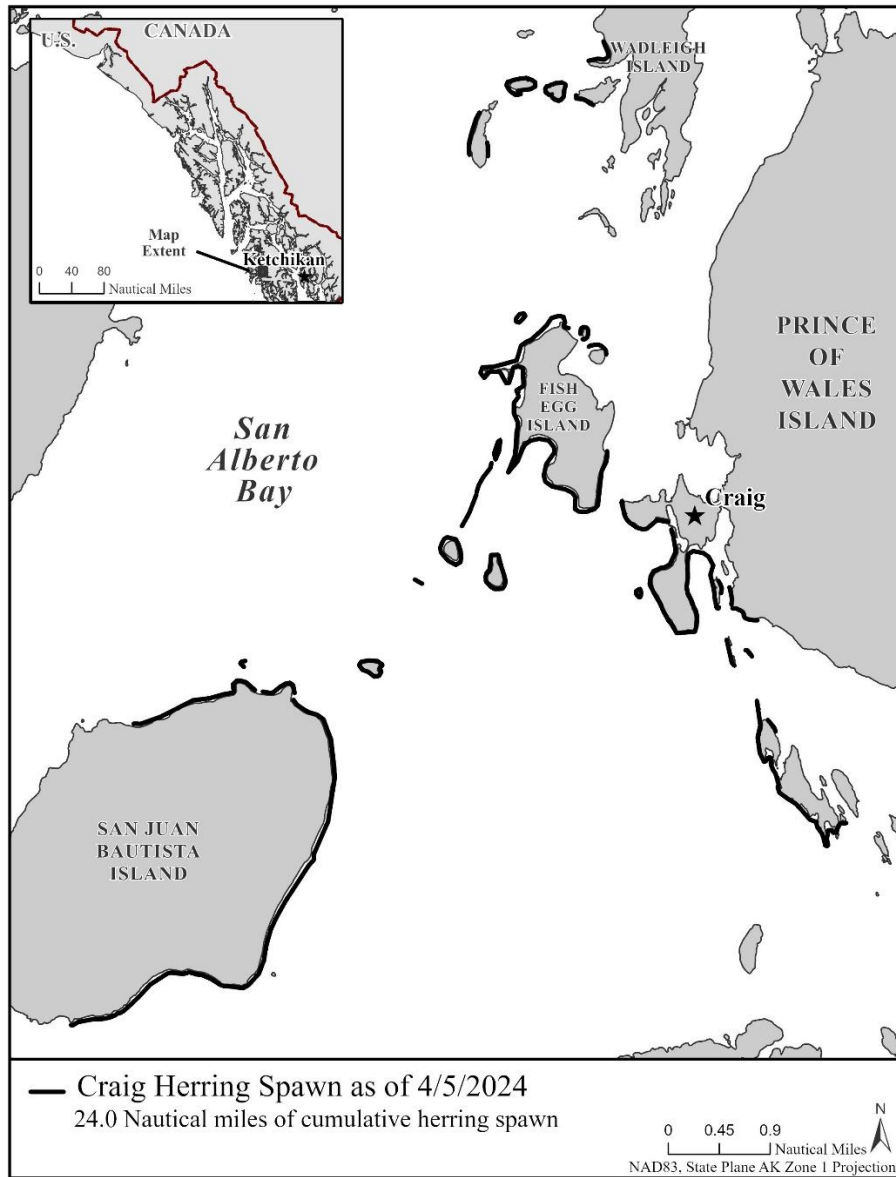


Figure 1. Cumulative herring spawn for Craig through April 5, 2024.

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