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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 19

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from West Crawfish Inlet to Salisbury Sound and Hayward Strait. No herring schools were visible from the air today. Approximately 1.4 nautical miles (nmi) of herring spawn was observed in St. John Baptist Bay, Redoubt Bay, and in Hayward Strait.

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery will close for the season at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024. Preliminary hauls from processors from March 22 through April 5 put the total harvest at approximately 13,300 tons of herring. Final harvest estimates will be announced in the season summary advisory announcement.

Aerial surveys will continue daily until herring spawning activity has concluded. The next fishery update is scheduled for Monday, April 8.

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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