Sitka Sound Herring Update # 26

Sitka…. An aerial survey was conducted today covering Sitka Sound from Windy Passage to Salisbury Sound. Weather was poor with southeast 20-knot winds, low overcast skies, and rain. Today, approximately 2.8 nautical miles (nmi) of active herring spawn was observed along the Siginaka Islands, Dorothy Narrows, Golf Island, Redoubt Bay, and near Kane Island in Salisbury Sound (Figure 1). A skiff survey mapped an additional 1.2 nmi of herring spawn in Sitka Sound. To date, approximately 45.6 nmi of cumulative herring spawn has been mapped.

The next Fishery Update can be expected on Wednesday, April 10, after the next scheduled aerial survey.
Figure 1. Active herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on April 9, 2019.