



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig Area. Weather was sunny with clear skies and calm winds.

Schools of herring were observed on the beach on the southwest side of Fish Egg Island. No herring spawn was observed during the survey. Predator activity has remained stable, with the biggest concentration of predators on the south side of Fish Egg Island extending over to the Ballena Islands. An additional 50 sea lions were observed on the south end of Abbess Island.

There are approximately 70 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced to pounds.

The Ketchikan and Craig ADF&G offices will remain open and staffed at this time. Due to the safety measures implemented by the building operator, the Ketchikan ADF&G building is to remain locked. Please call the front office at (907) 225-5195 to inform staff of your arrival. Fishermen registering for the *Macrocystis* kelp harvest permit are encouraged to call prior to visiting an ADF&G office to help expedite the permitting process. ADF&G staff are available on the grounds for assistance and can be reached on marine VHF channel 16 or 10.

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The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Wednesday, March 25.

2020 Ketchikan Herring Summary

Craig

March 19, 2020	Limited predator activity in the Craig Area.
March 20, 2020	Increased predator activity and schools of herring observed in Craig Area.
March 23, 2020	Schools of herring along beach on SW Fish Egg Island. 70 pound structures.

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