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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4

Sitka...Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Povorotni Point to Krestof Sound. Weather during the flight was moderate. Today, 3.9 nautical miles of herring spawn was observed on Kruzof Island from Lava Island to Shoals Point (Figure 1) and a small spot spawn was observed on Big Gavanski Island. Small schools of herring were seen in Aleutkina Bay.

The vessel surveys conducted by the *R/V Kestrel* from March 24–25 of Sitka Sound showed a large biomass of herring in both the deeper waters west of Bieli Rocks and in the deeper waters north of Vitskari Island. On March 25, numerous scattered schools of herring were located along the Sitka road system from the harbor breakwater to Magic Island. The *R/V Kestrel* has concluded vessel surveys and returned to Petersburg.

The next fishery update can be expected on Thursday, March 26.

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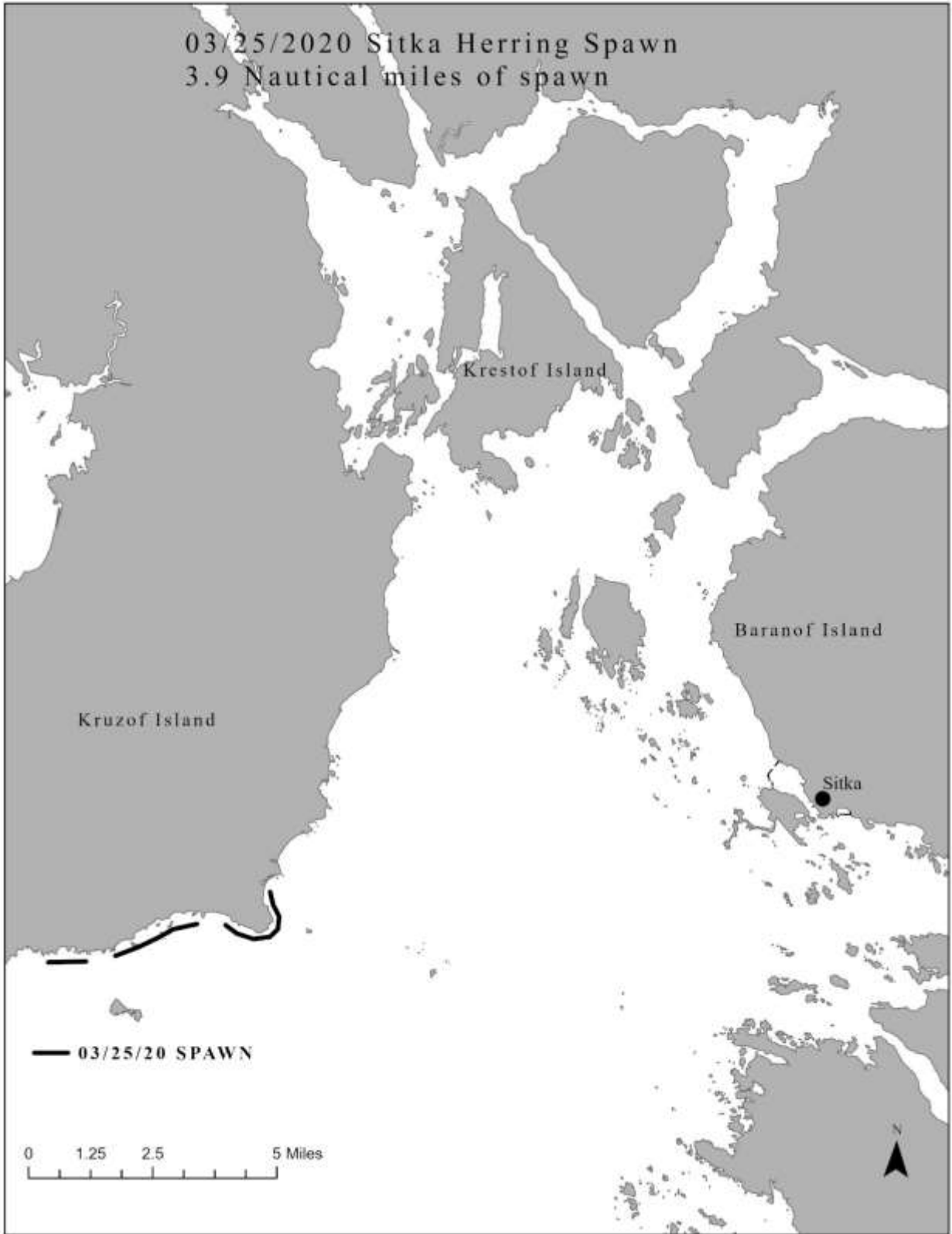


Figure 1. Active herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on March 25, 2020.