



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig Area. Weather was overcast with rain and moderate winds.

No herring spawn was observed during the aerial survey. Predator activity was dispersed throughout the area, with large concentrations of sea lions observed on the southeast side of Abbess Island and the waters north of Cape Suspiro. There was a high level of bird activity in Port Bagial. Four whales were observed off the southern tip of Fish Egg Island. No herring have been introduced to the approximately 77 pound structures on the grounds.

The Ketchikan and Craig ADF&G offices will remain open. 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 for Ketchikan 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 skiff survey is planned for Friday, March 27.

2020 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 19, 2020	Limited predator activity
March 20, 2020	Increased predator activity and schools of herring observed near beach on SW Fish Egg Is.
March 23, 2020	Schools of herring along beach on SW Fish Egg Island. ~70 pound structures on grounds
March 25, 2020	Spot spawn observed near Port Bagial south of Craig.
March 26, 2020	No spawn observed. Significant predator activity south Fish Egg Is to Port Bagial.

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