



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today in the Revilla Channel area and a skiff survey was conducted in Craig. Weather was sunny with light northerly winds.

Craig

No herring spawn was observed during today's skiff survey. Herring are moving back and forth throughout the Craig/Klawock area and fisherman are actively filling pounds. Approximately 25 pounds have had herring introduced.

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 Island.
March 23, 2020	Schools of herring along beach on SW Fish Egg Island. ~70 pound structures.
March 25, 2020	Spot spawn observed near Port Bagial south of Craig.
March 26, 2020	No spawn. Significant predator activity south Fish Egg Island to Port Bagial. 77 pound structures.
March 30, 2020	No spawn. Large schools of herring near Ballena Is. 6 pounds filled.
April 1, 2020	No spawn. Fisherman actively filling pounds. Approx. 25 pounds filled.

Revilla Channel

The department has been conducting aerial and boat surveys of the Revilla Channel area beginning March 18, 2020. Little to no predator activity was observed during the first surveys. On March 27, predator activity increased significantly on the west side of Cat Island and schools of herring were observed near the beach on both the south and west side of Cat Island. On March 28, active spawn was observed and daily aerial surveys have been conducted since then. Today, April 1, 6.8 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed around Cat, Village, Dog and Double islands, and around Grave Point on Duke Island.

2020 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 18, 2020	Limited predator activity.
March 23, 2020	Increased predator activity. 10 sea lions near Village Island.
March 25, 2020	Increased predator activity. 30 sea lions west side of Cat Island.
March 27, 2020	50 sea lions near Cat Island. Herring schools on west side of Cat Island.
March 28, 2020	0.4 nmi of spawn observed on Cat Island.
March 29, 2020	2.5 nmi of spawn observed on Cat Island., Grave Point and Duck Island.
March 30, 2020	2.5 nmi of spawn observed on Cat Island, Grave Point and Duck Island.
March 31, 2020	6.3 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Double, and Duck islands.
April 1, 2020	6.9 nmi of spawn observed around Cat, Village, Double, Dog, and Duke Islands.

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 aerial survey is planned for Thursday, April 2.

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