



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 8

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted yesterday and today in the Revilla Channel area and today in the Craig area. Weather was high overcast with light and variable winds both days.

Craig

Today, a total of 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of herring spawn was observed on the west side of Wadleigh Island and the innermost Alberto Island. This is the first day of significant spawn in the Craig area. Predator activity continues around Fish Egg, Wadleigh, Abbess, the Albertos and Clam islands. Herring are moving throughout the pounding area and fisherman are actively filling pounds. All of the pound structures 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 Is 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. ~ 25 pounds filled.
April 3, 2020	0.5 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh Island. ~ 75 pounds filled.

Revilla Channel

Aerial surveys were conducted in Revilla Channel on April 2 and April 3. On April 2, 1.2 nmi of spawn was observed on Dog Island, at Flag Point on Duke Island, and just south of Kah Shakes Cove on the mainland shoreline. Today, April 3, no active spawn was observed. Total cumulative spawn in Revilla Channel is 11.3 nmi.

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.
April 2, 2020	1.2 nmi of spawn observed on Dog and Duke islands, and Kirk Point.
April 3, 2020	No activity.

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.

In the event that local ADF&G offices are closed, personnel can be reached at the following email addresses:

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The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Saturday, April 4.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

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