



## Advisory Announcement

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## 2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 12

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today of the West Behm Canal and the Craig areas. Weather for the aerial survey was sunny with clear skies and excellent visibility. A partial skiff survey was conducted on April 8 of the Craig area. Weather was poor with rain and high winds.

### Craig

Approximately 25.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed throughout the Craig area. Active spawn was observed from Blanquizal Point to the northern entrance of Trocadero Bay. This is the largest single-day active spawn event on record for the Craig area. Harvest from the pound structures continues. The cumulative spawn to date is approximately 29.0 nmi.

#### 2020 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

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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 Island. 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.
April 4, 2020	1.2 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh and Alberto islands.
April 5, 2020	2.1 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh and Ablerto islands.
April 6, 2020	9.2 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Blanquizal and Clam islands.
April 7, 2020	9.8 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Clam, St. Philip, and Doyle Bay.
April 8, 2020	3.1 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Clam, and Fish Egg islands.
April 9, 2020	25.2 nmi of spawn observed from Blanquizal Point to Trocadero Bay.

### Revilla Channel

Herring spawn was observed in Revilla Channel from March 28 to April 2, 2020. The cumulative spawn was 11.3 nmi. With no active spawn or herring schools observed on April 3, the department ceased aerial surveys for the Revilla Channel area.

### West Behm Canal

An aerial survey was conducted today in West Behm Canal. No herring spawn was observed. A school of fish was seen near the Point Higgins shore. The cumulative spawn to date is 1.3 nmi.

2020 West Behm Herring Summary


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April 3, 2020	1.3 nmi of spawn observed from Point Higgins south to Danger Island.
April 4, 2020	Spot spawn observed near Mud Bay.
April 5, 2020	No spawn observed.
April 6, 2020	No spawn observed.
April 7, 2020	No spawn observed.
April 9, 2020	No spawn observed.

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 Friday, April 10.**

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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