



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 13

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today of the Craig area. Weather was sunny with clear skies, light winds, and excellent visibility.

Craig

Approximately 30.0 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed throughout the Craig area. Active spawn was observed from Blanquizal Island to Doyle Bay. This eclipses the previous single-day spawn record in Craig set yesterday, April 9, 2020. Harvest from the pound structures continues. The cumulative spawn to date is approximately 34.0 nmi.

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 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, Blanquizal, 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.
April 10, 2020	Approximately 30.0 nmi of spawn observed from Blanquizal Island to Doyle Bay.

Revilla Channel

Herring spawn was observed in Revilla Channel from March 28 to April 2, 2020. The cumulative spawn was 11.3 nmi.

West Behm Canal

Aerial surveys were conducted April 2 through April 9, 2020. Herring spawn was observed April 2 and 3. The cumulative spawn was 1.3 nmi.

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. 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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Aerial surveys will continue over the weekend and the next update will be Monday, April 13.

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