



Advisory Announcement

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2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig and Revilla Channel areas as well as Sea Otter Sound. The weather was low overcast with occasional squalls. Winds were calm and the visibility ranged from poor to excellent.

Craig

Approximately 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) of active spawn was observed on the northwest side of Fish Egg Island. Herring were observed along the beach on the north and west shore of Fish Egg Island, along the southwest shore of Abbess Island, and on the Ballenas Islands. Predator activity has increased significantly throughout the area with numerous pods of sea lions extending from the south end of Fish Egg Island to Abbess Island. Fishermen are actively filling pounds. Approximately 55 pounds have had herring introduced.

The aerial survey in Sea Otter Sound showed numerous pods of sea lions along the northern Heceta shoreline from Camp Island to Port Alice. Approximately 1.0 nmi of active spawn was observed to the east of Port Alice on the Heceta Island shoreline.

2021 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 18, 2021	Limited predator activity.
March 22, 2021	Limited predator activity.
March 25, 2021	Slight increase in predator activity.
March 29, 2021	Reduced predator activity.
April 3, 2021	Slight increase in predator activity.
April 5, 2021	0.2 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island. Fisherman actively filling pounds. ~50 pounds filled.
April 6, 2021	1.0 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island. Fisherman actively filling pounds. ~55 pounds filled.

Revilla Channel

Approximately 0.1 nmi of active spawn was observed on the southeast shore of Mary Island. One whale was observed on the southwest shore of Mary Island.

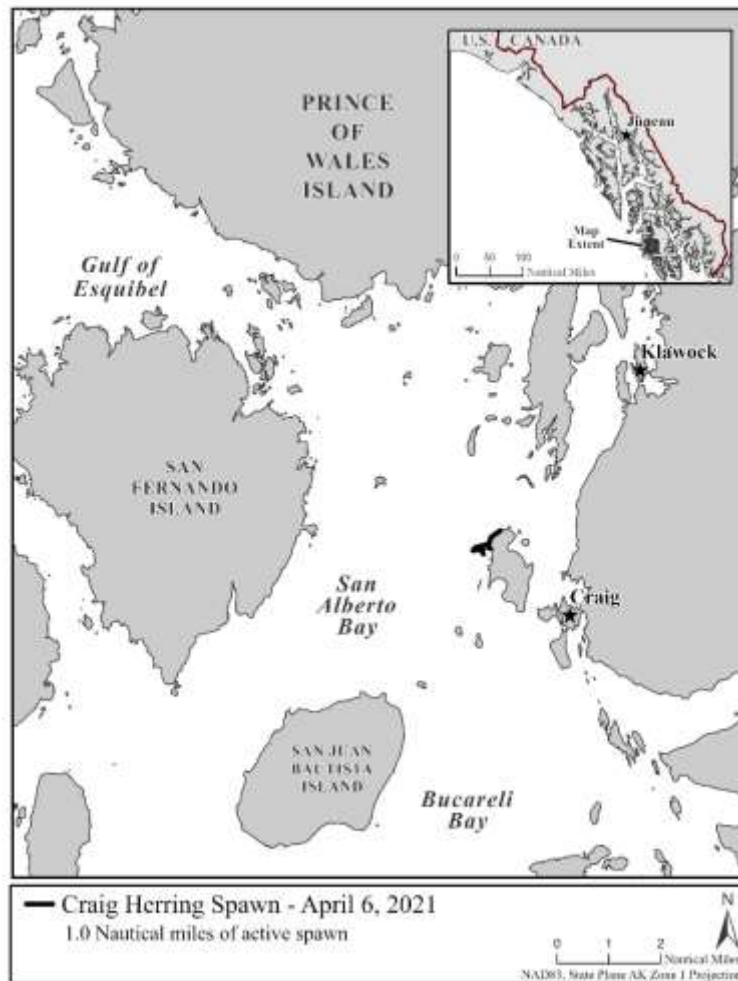
2021 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 18, 2021	No predator activity.
March 22, 2021	No predator activity.
March 25, 2021	No predator activity.
March 29, 2021	5.8 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, Double, and Mary Islands.
March 30, 2021	3.3 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, and Double Islands.
April 3, 2021	Limited predator activity.
April 5, 2021	0.3 nmi of spawn on Mary Island.
April 6, 2021	0.1 nmi of spawn on Mary Island.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Wednesday, April 7**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

Herring survey data collected by the department from aerial and boat surveys will be available online through the interactive herring spawn maps located on the department’s website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps>.



Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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