



Advisory Announcement
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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 28

Today's aerial survey of Sitka Sound covered an area ranging south from Walker Channel and north to Neva Strait. Weather and visibility were fair to poor with cloudy skies, rain/snow, a low cloud ceiling, and 15-knot winds. Approximately 12.5 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed today, mostly concentrated at Windy Passage, Dorothy Narrows, Hot Springs Bay, and outside Deep Inlet in Pirate, Samsing, and Sandy Coves (Figure 1). Through April 12, the cumulative estimate of observed herring spawn in Sitka Sound is approximately 83.2 nmi.

The next aerial survey is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, and the next fishery update will be released after the aerial survey is completed.

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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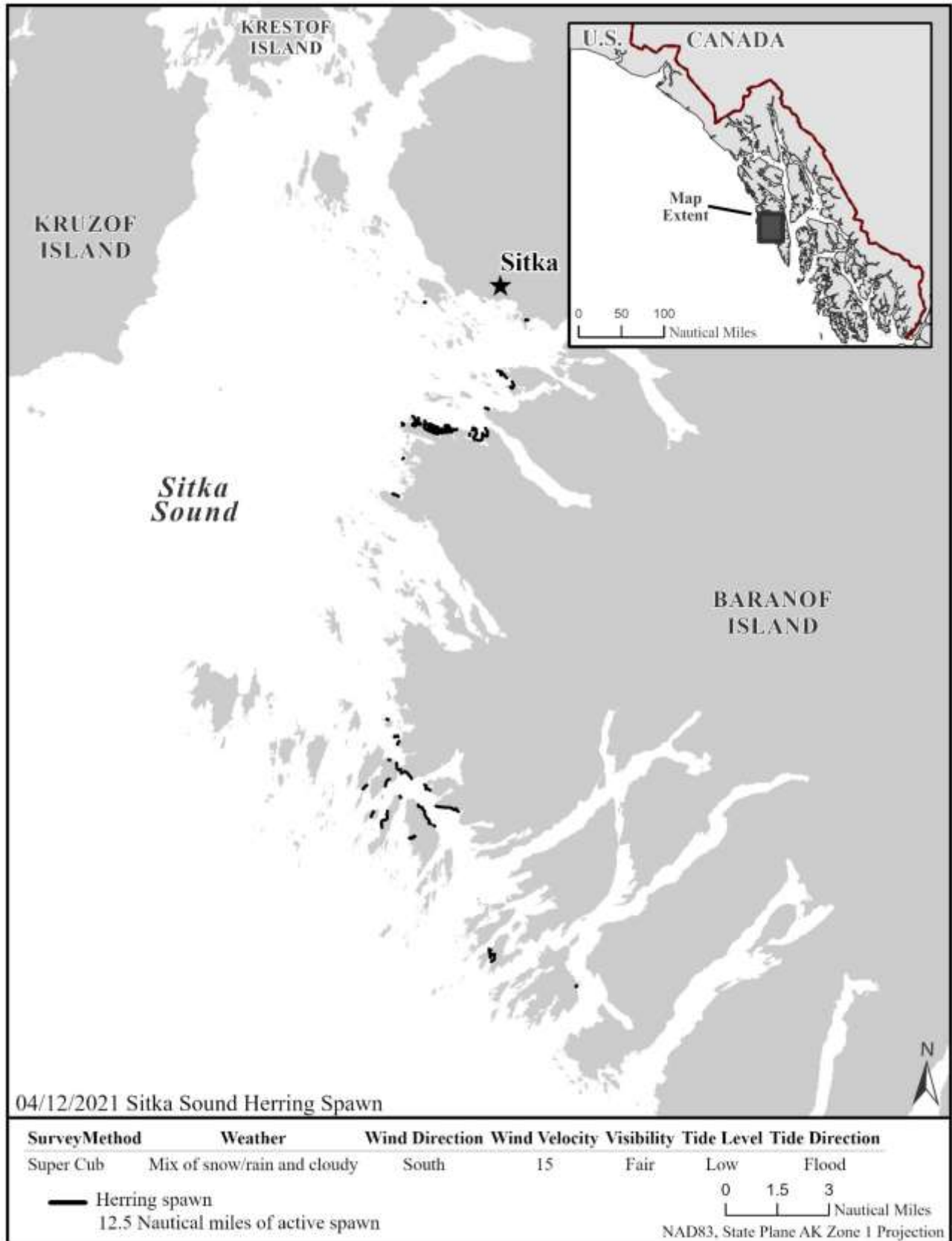


Figure 1.— Map of herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on April 12, 2021