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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

Today's aerial herring survey covered the northern portion of Sitka Sound from St. Lazaria Island to Krestof Sound. Survey conditions were poor with cloudy skies and high winds negatively affecting visibility. No herring schools or spawn were observed today. Herring predators were observed along the Kruzof Island shoreline from Inner Point to Kamenoi Point and south of the Siginaka Islands. Humpback whales were observed in the shallower waters of the Kruzof Island shoreline from Inner Point to Hayward Strait and south of the Siginaka Islands. Large numbers of sea lions were again observed off the rockpiles between Inner Point and Kamenoi Point. While it is unusual to observe larger concentrations of herring predators in the shallow waters off the southeastern Kruzof Island shoreline this time of year, predator locations have remained largely unchanged since first observed on March 13.

The next aerial survey is scheduled for Friday, March 17 and the next fishery update can be expected after the survey is completed.

All aerial herring survey data can be reviewed online, including spawn lines and photos, in an interactive map application found at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps> or scan:



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