



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2023 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3**

An aerial survey was conducted today, March 28, in the Revilla Channel and Craig areas.

**Craig**

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig area from Trocadero Bay to San Christoval Channel and Portillo Channel to Point Amargura. Weather conditions were good with clear skies, bright sun, northerly wind, and excellent visibility. No herring spawn was observed. Predators remain in the area and were less active than previously observed. Approximately 235 sea lions and 5 humpback whales were observed in the greater Craig area with the largest concentration near Fish Egg Island. There are approximately 45 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced into pounds.

**2023 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary**

March 17, 2023    Limited predator activity.  
March 24, 2023    Increased predator activity.  
March 28, 2023    Moderate predator activity.

**Revilla Channel**

Today's aerial survey covered Mary Island, and the Cat and Dog Islands area. Weather conditions were excellent with mostly sunny skies, a northerly wind, and excellent visibility. Approximately 1.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on Double Island and a small spawn was beginning on the northern shore of Dog Island. Approximately 50 sea lions were in the immediate vicinity of Double Island with no other predator activity observed in state waters.

**2023 Revilla Channel Herring Summary**

March 17, 2023    No predator activity.  
March 21, 2023    No predator activity.  
March 24, 2023    No predator activity.  
March 26, 2023    Spot spawn on Double Island.  
March 27, 2023    0.3 nmi spawn on Double Island.  
March 28, 2023    1.2 nmi spawn on Double Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey for Revilla Channel is planned for **Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 30** for the Craig area. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

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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