



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2023 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5**

An aerial survey was conducted today, March 30, in the Revilla Channel and Craig areas.

**Craig**

An aerial survey was conducted in the greater Craig area today from Port St. Nicholas to San Christoval Channel and East San Fernando Island to Point Amargura. Weather conditions were good with overcast skies, a light southwesterly wind, and good visibility. No herring spawn or schools were observed. Predators were concentrated on the south end of Fish Egg Island, the Klawock Reef, and around the Alberto Islands. Approximately 125 sea lions and 10 humpback whales were observed in the area. There are 47 pound structures on the grounds and approximately one third of the structures have introduced herring.

**2023 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary**

March 17, 2023	Limited predator activity.
March 24, 2023	Increased predator activity.
March 28, 2023	Moderate predator activity.
March 30, 2023	Moderate predator activity.

**Revilla Channel**

Today's aerial survey covered Mary, Cat, Village, Double, Dog, and Duke Islands, as well as the mainland shore from the De Longs to Kah Shakes Cove. Weather conditions were moderate with overcast skies, a southwesterly wind, and good visibility. Approximately 3.4 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on Dog, Double, and Village Islands. Approximately 60 sea lions and five humpback whales were in the area surrounding active spawn today.

**2023 Revilla Channel Herring Summary**

March 17, 2023	No predator activity.
March 21, 2023	No predator activity.
March 24, 2023	No predator activity.
March 27, 2023	0.3 nmi spawn on Double Island.
March 28, 2023	1.0 nmi spawn on Double Island.
March 29, 2023	2.4 nmi spawn on Double and Dog Islands.
March 30, 2023	3.4 nmi spawn on Double, Dog, and Village Islands.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Friday, March 31**. 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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