



Advisory Announcement
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2023 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 6

An aerial survey was conducted today, March 31, in the Revilla Channel area and a skiff survey was conducted in the Craig area.

Craig

A skiff survey was conducted in the Craig area today from Fish Egg Island to Abbess Island. No herring spawn was observed. Predators were concentrated around the Alberto and Clam Islands. Approximately 30 sea lions and 15 humpback whales were seen. Fishermen are actively filling pound structures with herring. There are 47 pound structures on the grounds and approximately 20 pounds have had herring introduced.

2023 Craig/Klawock Herring Aerial 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 the Cat and Dog Island area. Weather conditions were poor with rain and snow squalls, moderate southeast winds, and poor visibility. Approximately 2.0 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on Dog and Village Islands. Approximately 60 sea lions were observed near the spawn on Dog Island.

2023 Revilla Channel Herring Aerial 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.
March 31, 2023	2.0 nmi spawn on Dog and Village Islands.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Saturday, April 1**. 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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