



Advisory Announcement

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2023 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

An aerial survey was conducted today, April 1, 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 San Christoval Channel and along the East San Fernando shoreline to Fern Point. Approximately 1.3 nautical miles (nmi) of herring spawn was observed on southwest Wadleigh Island and the south side of the innermost Alberto Island. Predators were concentrated around the Alberto and Clam Islands. Approximately 30 sea lions and 15 humpback whales were seen with several whales observed just south of San Christoval Channel. Fishermen are actively filling pound structures with herring. There are currently 47 pound structures on the grounds and approximately 30 pounds have had herring introduced.

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.
April 1, 2023	1.3 nmi spawn on Wadleigh Island.

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey covered the Cat and Dog Island area and the northeast side of Duke Island. Weather conditions were fair with intermittent rain and snow squalls, light southeast winds, and decent visibility. Approximately 0.5 nmi of light, diffuse spawn was observed on Dog Island. Unless the department receives new information, this will be the last aerial survey for Revilla Channel.

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.
April 1, 2023	0.5 nmi spawn on Dog Island.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Sunday, April 2**. 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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