



Advisory Announcement

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2023 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 10

Craig

An aerial survey was conducted in the greater Craig area covering Ballena Islands to Abbess Island, San Christoval Channel to the Cruz Islands, the east side of San Fernando Island, and the north side of San Juan Bautista Island. The weather was good with moderate winds, overcast, and excellent visibility. Approximately 12.8 nautical miles (nmi) of active herring spawn was observed on the Ballena, Fish Egg, and Abbess Islands, the northwest side of Wadleigh Island, and a portion of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline in between Craig and Klawock (Figure 1). Sea lions were concentrated around the Ballena and Alberto Islands. It is likely that the Craig/Klawock spawn event has passed its peak, and the current cumulative spawn is 27.8 nmi. There are currently 54 pound structures on the grounds and the majority of pounds 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.
April 1, 2023	1.3 nmi spawn on Wadleigh Island.
April 2, 2023	11.2 nmi spawn on Klawock Reef, Fish Egg, Clam, Alberto, and Wadleigh Islands.
April 3, 2023	19.4 nmi spawn on Ballena, Fish Egg, Clam, Alberto, and Wadleigh Islands and POW shoreline.
April 4, 2023	12.8 nmi spawn on Ballena, Fish Egg, Abbess, and Wadleigh Islands and POW shoreline.

Revilla Channel

The 2023 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel was 4.6 nmi.

West Behm Canal

2023 West Behm Canal Herring Aerial Summary

April 2, 2023	Limited predator activity.
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The next aerial survey is planned for **Thursday, April 6**. 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 the QR code.

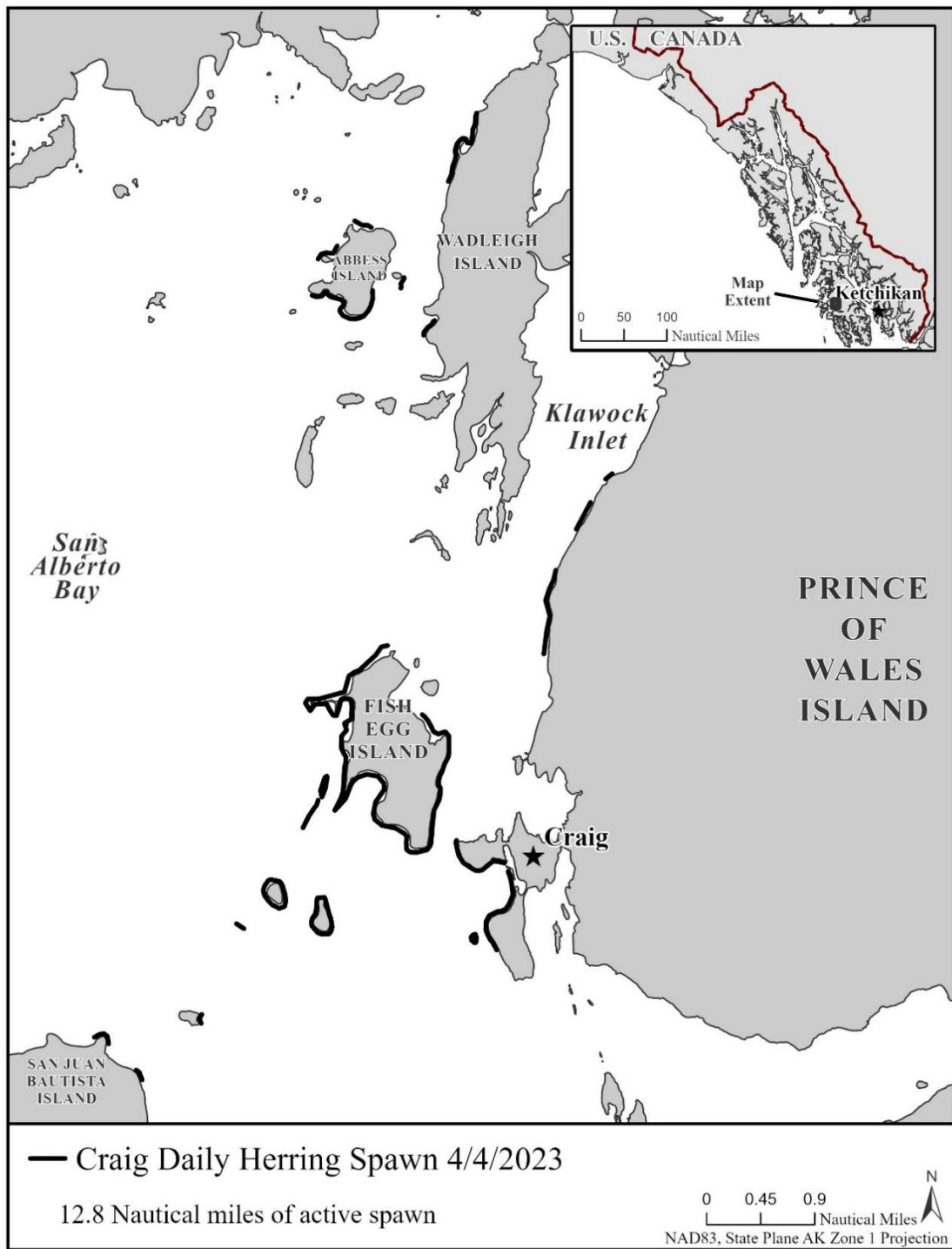


Figure 1. Active herring spawn in Craig for April 4, 2023.

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