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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 26

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Walker Channel to Eastern Bay, and west to Shoals Point. Survey conditions today were good with 20-knot south winds, and partly cloudy skies but visibility was occasionally obstructed with scattered showers. Approximately 1.7 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed from Dorothy Narrows to around the Goddard area during this flight. A department vessel survey was conducted today to map additional spawn not observed during the daily aerial surveys. The vessel survey covered the area from Eastern Bay to the Kasiana Islands and mapped an additional 4.6 nmi of spawn. The cumulative spawn estimate (including vessel mapped spawn) is approximately 70.0 nmi.

Department and industry vessels surveyed Sitka Sound from Crescent Bay to West Crawfish Inlet. Several schools of herring were located on sonar throughout the surveyed area. No test sets or fishery occurred today.

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Tuesday, April 11.

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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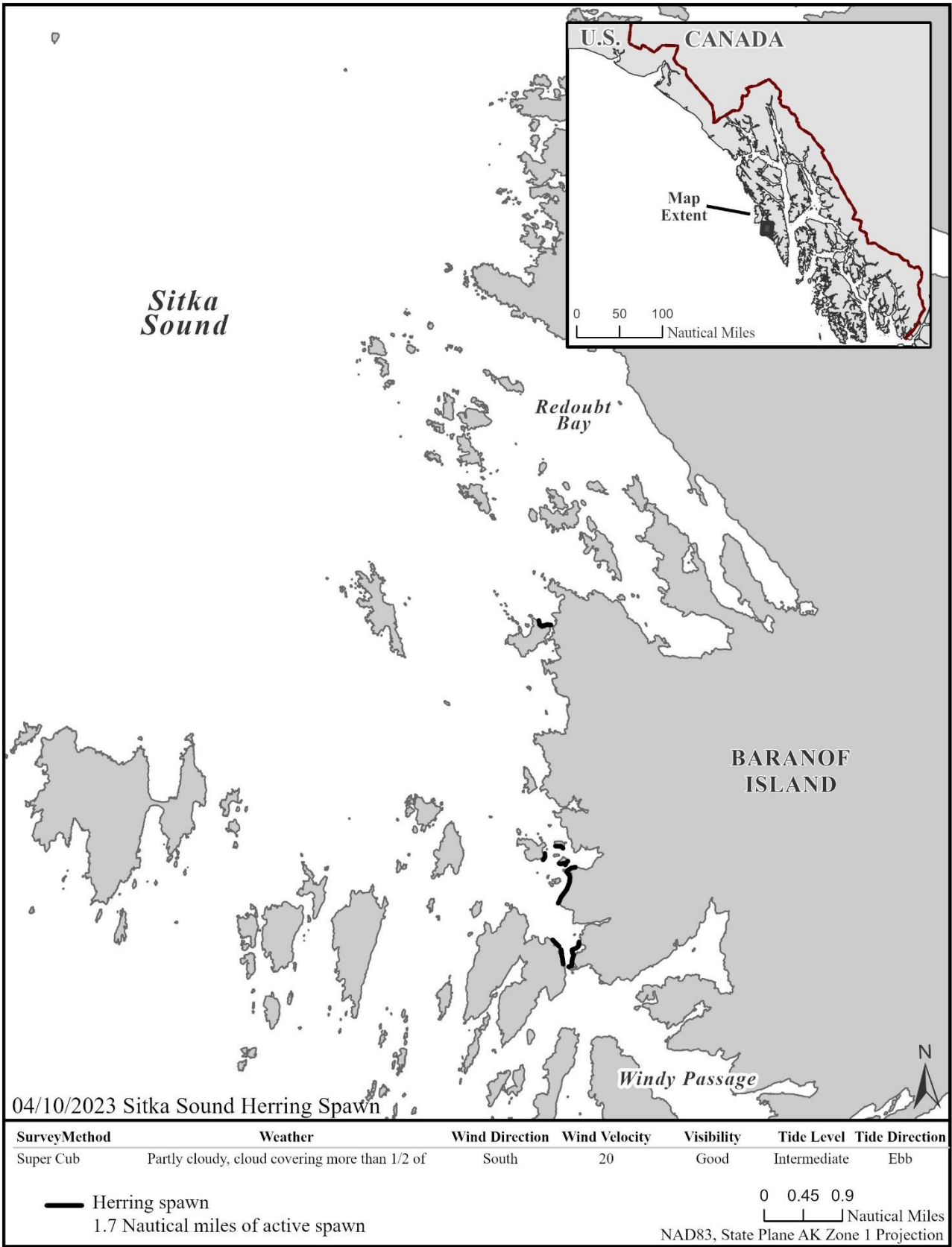


Figure 1.— Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 10, 2023.