



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2024 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3**

Aerial surveys were conducted today in both the Revilla Channel and Craig area.

**Craig**

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to St. Philips Island. The weather was excellent, with clear skies, calm winds, and excellent visibility. 3.6 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed on the southeast and southwest side of Fish Egg Island, the Ballenas Islands, and the reef from Fish Egg to the Ballenas Islands. Predator activity throughout the area remains low with a wide distribution. There were scattered pods of sea lions on the northern side of Abess Island, north side of Fish Egg Island, and along the eastern shore of East San Fernando Island near Point Polocano. Humpback whales were observed near Klawock Reef, Ursua Channel north of Point Eugennia, San Christoval Channel, and Blanquizar Point. There are approximately 50 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced.

Fisherman participating in the herring spawn-on-kelp pound fishery are encouraged to harvest their kelp blades, configure their pound structures, and monitor the open pounding area for opportunity to introduce herring into their structures.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 17, 2024. ADF&G personnel are on the grounds and will be monitoring the fishery daily throughout the spawning event and can be reached on VHF Channel 10 or 16.

**2024 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary**

March 19, 2024    Limited predator activity.  
March 21, 2024    1.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island.  
March 22, 2024    3.6 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Ballenas Islands.

**Revilla Channel**

Today's aerial survey covered the Cat and Dog Island area. Weather conditions were excellent with clear skies, zero wind, and excellent visibility. 1.5 nmi of active spawn was observed on Dog Island concentrated in Dog Bay with some lighter spot spawns on the northern shore of Dog Island. Scattered pods of sea lions remain in the area. The cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel to date is 8.6 nmi.

**2024 Revilla Channel Herring Summary**

March 16, 2024    Spot spawn on the northwest side of Double Island.  
March 17, 2024    Approx. 1.0 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands.  
March 18, 2024    3.5 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Village Islands.  
March 19, 2024    5.8 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Village Islands.  
March 20, 2024    5.2 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Fripo, and Village Islands.  
March 21, 2024    2.7 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Duke, and Fripo Islands.

March 22, 2024 1.5 nmi of spawn on Dog Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the is planned for **Saturday, March 23**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day. **Monday, March 25, is a state holiday and state offices will be closed.**

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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