



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 16

Craig

An aerial survey was conducted in the greater Craig/Klawock area this morning from Cape Suspiro and the Ballena Islands to Abbess Island. Weather was partly cloudy with no wind and excellent visibility. No active spawn was observed during the survey. Fishers are actively harvesting or have completed harvesting their product, and pound structures are being actively removed from the area.

The 2026 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 10 is 21.2 nautical miles (nmi) (Figure 1). The *R/V Medeia* completed a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area yesterday. Results of the survey will be available in late 2026

Notice to all commercial spawn-on-kelp fisherman, the ADF&G commercial fisheries office in Craig will no longer be staffed. If immediate assistance is required, contact the Ketchikan office at (907) 225-5195.

2026 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	Limited predator activity
March 25, 2026	3.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 26, 2026	4.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 27, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 28, 2026	5.0 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 29, 2026	5.5 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 30, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island and on the reef south of the Ballena Islands
March 31, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
April 1, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Cole Island
April 2, 2026	9.2 nmi of spawn on the Alberto, Ballena, Fish Egg, POW, and Wadleigh Islands
April 3, 2026	4.8 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, Prince of Wales, and Wadleigh Islands
April 4, 2026	1.0 nmi of spawn on Abbess and Alberto Islands
April 5, 2026	0.4 nmi of spawn on Abbess Island
April 8, 2026	2.0 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, Clam, and Wadleigh Islands, and Wadleigh Rock
April 9, 2026	1.8 nmi of spawn on Clam and Wadleigh Islands.
April 10, 2026	No spawn observed, reduced predator activity

Revilla Channel

The 2026 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 10.1 nmi.

Unless the department receives new information, **no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Ketchikan area in 2026.**

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:

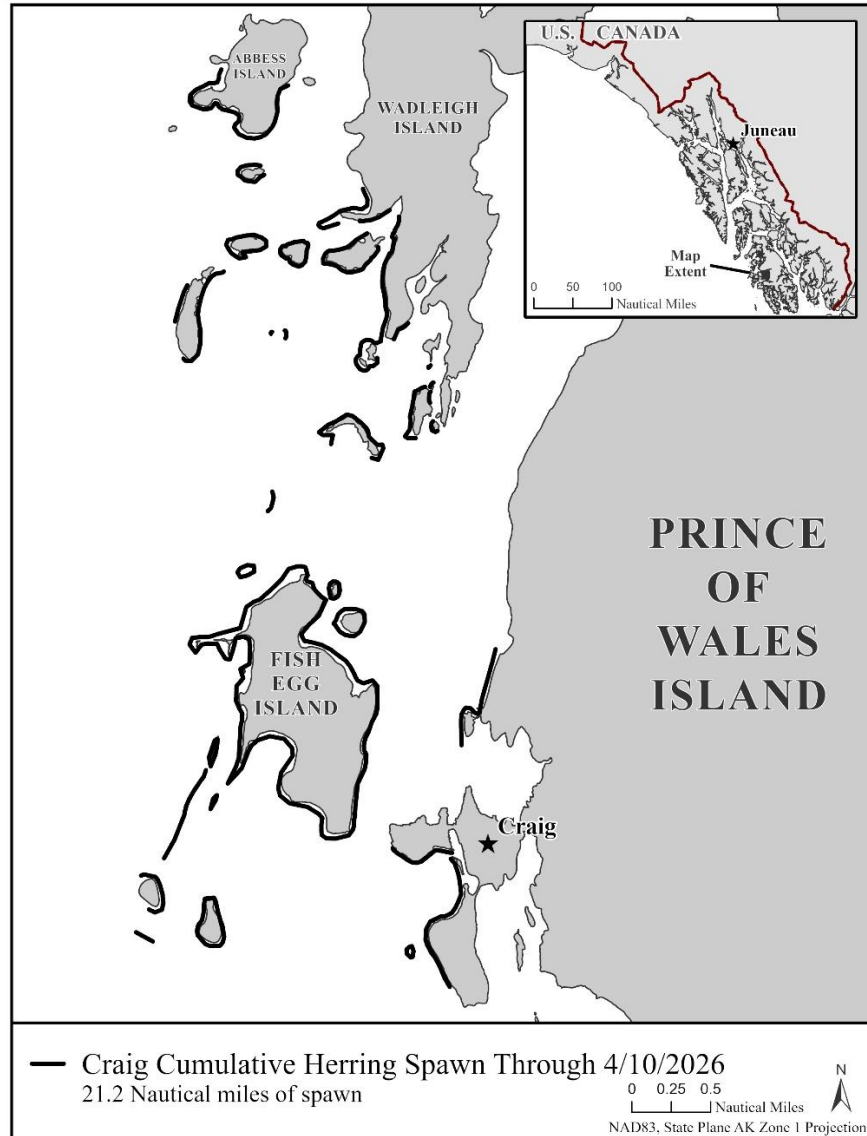


Figure 1. The 2026 cumulative herring spawn for the Craig/Klawock herring stock through April 10.

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