
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

FISHERY UPDATE



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PETERSBURG/WRANGELL HERRING UPDATE #2

Ernest Sound

The department conducted an aerial survey today, Friday, April 5 of Ernest Sound. The survey conditions were fair with occasional snow showers and northwest winds 10 to 20 knots. No herring activity was seen. A total of 19 sea lions were observed in Vixen Inlet, a decrease in sea lion activity since the last survey. An additional 21 sea lions were seen along the shore between Meyers Chuck and Ship Island. The next aerial survey will occur Sunday, April 7.

The Ernest Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery opened to purse seining on Friday, April 1. There are currently no active pounds in the area. Department personnel will be stationed in Ernest Sound when herring and predator numbers increase or fishery activity picks up.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

No surveys have occurred in 2013 for Hobart/Port Houghton area. The first survey is scheduled for sometime during the third week of April.

2013 Herring Summary

Ernest Sound

April 3 No herring activity, 45 sea lions.

April 5 No herring activity, 40 sea lions.

Hobart Bay/Port Houghton

Not surveyed until late April.

Pilots and Mariners transiting Ernest Sound or Hobart/Port Houghton are asked to report any herring activity or congregations of sea lions to the Wrangell or Petersburg Fish and Game offices.

Petersburg/Wrangell herring updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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