ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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JUNEAU HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #1

The department conducted aerial surveys of Lynn Canal, Tenakee Inlet, and Seymour Canal today. Survey conditions were good with calm to light winds under a high overcast. In all three areas predator activity was light.

In Lynn Canal, approximately 85 sea lions and 3 whales were observed scattered in small groups between Tee Harbor and Berners Bay, with the majority of predators in Berners Bay. No herring or herring spawn was observed. The most active group of sea lions was in the vicinity of Slate Cove and could indicate the presence of eulachon staging for spawning.

In Tenakee Inlet, approximately 75 sea lions and 5 whales were observed scattered singly or in small groups between Crab Bay and Corner Point. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

In Seymour Canal, 49 sea lions and one whale were observed, widely scattered in small groups. No herring or herring spawn was observed.

The next survey of the Juneau area is planned for Friday, April 18.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADFG web site listed below.

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