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



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KETCHIKAN HERRING UPDATE 2015 #8

An aerial survey was conducted yesterday, April 1, in the Revilla Channel, Craig area, and West Behm Canal. Weather was light winds and overcast skies.

Revilla Channel

Approximately 2 nautical miles of herring spawn was observed. Spawn was located in State of Alaska waters on the Kah Shakes shoreline. Weather was light winds and overcast skies.

Craig/Klawock

Approximately 1/2 nautical mile of herring spawn was observed. Spawn was located around the Ballena Islands. Weather was light winds and overcast skies.

West Behm Canal

No Spawn was observed. Very little predator activity was observed.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Thursday, April 2.

2015 Ketchikan Herring Summary

Revilla Channel	
March 19, 2015	No herring activity observed. Very little predator activity.
March 26, 2015	3.5 nmi spawn.
March 27, 2015	3.5 nmi spawn.
March 28, 2015	2 nmi spawn.
March 29, 2015	2 nmi spawn.
March 30, 2015	3 nmi spawn.
March 31, 2015	.5 nmi spawn.
April 1, 2015	2 nmi spawn.
Craig	
March 19, 2015	No herring activity. Large numbers of predators observed.
March 26, 2015	No Spawn. Numerous of predators in the Craig area. 72 pounds.
March 27, 2015	.5 nmi spawn.
March 28, 2015	2.5 nmi spawn.
March 29, 2015	2 nmi spawn.
March 30, 2015	Skiff survey indicated active spawn.
March 31, 2015	3 nmi spawn.
April 1, 2015	.5 nmi spawn.
West Behm Canal	
March 28, 2015	No spawn. Few predators in Clover Pass.
March 28, 2015 March 29, 2015	No spawn. Few predators in Clover Pass. Spot spawn observed.

April 1, 2015 No spawn.

News releases web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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