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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### CRAIG HERRING UPDATE 2017 # 5

An aerial and skiff surveys were conducted Sunday, March 26, in the Craig area. The weather was cloudy with high winds. ADF&G personnel are on the grounds and will be monitoring the fishery on a daily basis throughout the Craig spawning event.

**One mile of spawn was observed in San Christoval Channel. One mile of spawn was observed in the northern area of San Alberto Bay by Point Ildefonso.** Predator activity suggests continued spawning in both of these areas. Sea lions and whales continue to be active around Fish Egg, Clam, and the Alberto Islands.

The department estimates there are **20 closed pound structures** on the fishing grounds that will be fished. There are additional pounds that will be fished as open pounds or used as tow pounds.

**The next scheduled aerial survey is for Monday, March 27.**

#### Ketchikan Herring Summary

##### Craig

March 17, 2017	First aerial survey. Little herring activity in the Craig area.
March 21, 2017	No spawn. Large numbers of predators in the Craig area.
March 24, 2017	<b>Spot spawn at Fish Egg Island and 1 nmi. of spawn in San Christoval Channel. 20 pounds</b> are estimated to be in fishing conditions.
March 25, 2017	<b>¼ nmi. spawn in San Christoval Channel.</b> Predator activity continues in the Craig area.
March 26, 2017	<b>1 nmi. of spawn in San Christoval Channel. 1 nmi. of spawn near Point Ildefonso.</b> Predator activity continues in the Craig area.

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