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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### **KETCHIKAN HERRING UPDATE 2018 #1**

Today, Tuesday, March 20, was the second herring aerial survey conducted in the Craig area.

The first survey of the Craig area occurred on Friday, March 16. Herring and predator activity was observed around the southern portions of Fish Egg Island. No spawn was observed. There were 9 Pound structures on the grounds.

No spawn or herring were observed during today's survey. The weather was gusty winds, choppy seas, and snow squalls. Predator activity continues around Fish Egg Island and on the southern portions of Wadleigh Island. There were 34 Pound structures on the grounds.

Herring may be captured for placement into herring pounds beginning 12:00 noon, March 17. In addition, the open area for placement of herring pounds has expanded to include the Saint Phillips Island area.

ADF&G personnel will be in the Craig area beginning Thursday, March 22, and will be conducting daily skiff surveys throughout the Craig fishery and spawning event.

**The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Friday, March 23.**

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