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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #10

Sitka... An aerial survey was conducted today covering Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Hayward Strait. Weather during today's flight was poor with northeast winds at 30 knots and partly cloudy skies. No herring or herring spawn was observed on today's flight. The highest concentration of herring predators was observed northwest of Bieli Rock. Numerous whales were observed in deeper waters northwest of Bieli Rock to Guide Island. Large groups of sea lions were seen off Inner Point, Bieli Rock, and north Crow Island. The vessel survey conducted by the *R/V Kestrel* showed a large biomass of herring in the deeper waters northwest of Bieli Rock and east of Middle Island. Several test fishing vessels were available for today, however no samples were taken.

The Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery was placed on 2-hour notice effective March 20 at 7:00 a.m.

The next Fishery Update can be expected when significant changes occur in the distribution of herring and herring predators.

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