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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #11

Sitka... An aerial survey was conducted today covering Sitka Sound from West Crawfish Inlet to Krestof Sound. Weather during today's flight was good with northeast winds at 10 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. Later in the day, fish moved into shallower water near Guide Island and Kresta Point. Three successful test sets were made today.

- 12:30 p.m., *F/V Invincible*; Guide Island; 25 ton set; 8.7% mature roe, 1.6% immature roe; 112 gram average weight; 44.0% female.
- 1:30 p.m., *F/V Anduril*; Guide Island; 5 ton set; 15.4% mature roe, 0.3% immature roe; 134 gram average weight; 64.3% female.
- 2:30 p.m., *F/V Chelsea Dawn*; Kresta Point; 75 ton set; 10.6% mature roe, 2.5% immature roe; 98 gram average weight; 58.4% female.

The next Fishery Update can be expected on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

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