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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #15

Sitka... The aerial survey conducted on March 28 covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Salisbury Sound. Weather during this flight was good with 10 knot winds and overcast skies. No herring were spotted from the air and a small amount of spawn (less than ¼ mile) was observed in Eastern Bay. The largest concentration of herring predators was seen in Hayward Strait to Inner Point and in St. John Baptist Bay. The vessel survey conducted by the *R/V Kestrel* focused on Hayward Strait down to Inner Point. Multiple schools of herring of varying size were observed in this area. Three sets from this area revealed that the fish were of insufficient quality to warrant a fishery opening.

- 10:30 a.m., *F/V Harvester*; 5 ton set; 5.0% mature roe, 5.1% immature roe; 46.8% female; 88-gram average weight.

Subsequent samples were of similar quality.

The cumulative spawn mileage for 2018 is 7.4 nautical miles.

The next Fishery Update can be expected on Thursday, March 29, 2018.

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