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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 8

Today's aerial survey was cancelled due to poor weather. A boat survey conducted by department vessels located large schools of herring southeast of Middle Island, near Bieli Rock, and east of Vitskari Rocks. Small schools were observed in Promisla and Eastern bays. Industry vessels noted several scattered schools in Eastern Channel and some larger schools east of the Signaka Islands. No test sets were conducted today.

The next aerial survey is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 and the next fishery update can be expected to be released after aerial and vessel surveys are completed.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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