



Advisory Announcement
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2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig and Revilla Channel areas. Weather was overcast with light winds.

Craig

No herring or herring spawn was observed during today's aerial survey. Predator activity has increased slightly, with 35 sea lions observed on the west side of Fish Egg Island, ten sea lions near Cape Suspiro, and another five sea lions on the Coronados Islands. A total of seven humpback whales were observed throughout the Craig/Klawock area with four of these off the west side of Fish Egg Island. There are approximately 60 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced into pounds.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 17.

2021 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 18, 2021 Limited predator activity.
March 22, 2021 Limited predator activity.
March 25, 2021 Slight increase in predator activity.

Revilla Channel

No herring or herring spawn was observed in Revilla Channel. The area surveyed included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands, and the mainland shoreline from Foggy Point to Kah Shakes Cove. No predator activity was observed in state waters. 10 sea lions were observed on the southeast tip of Ham Island.

2021 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 18, 2021 No predator activity.
March 22, 2021 No predator activity.
March 25, 2021 No predator activity.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Monday, March 29**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day. **ADF&G offices will be closed, Monday, March 29, 2021, for Seward's Day.**

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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