



Advisory Announcement

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2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4

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

Craig

No herring or herring spawn was observed during today's aerial survey. Predator activity remains limited, with 60 sea lions observed on the southwest side of Fish Egg Island and north of the Ballena Islands. A total of three humpback whales were observed throughout the Craig/Klawock area. 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.
March 29, 2021 Limited predator activity.

Revilla Channel

During today's aerial survey, **5.8 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed in Revilla Channel**. The spawn occurred along the west side of Cat and Double Island, along the northern side of Dog Island, and surrounded Village Island. Spawn also occurred on the southwest side of Mary Island. Fifteen sea lions were observed off the northern tip of Cat Island. A school of herring was documented on the north end of Dog Island.

2021 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 18, 2021 No predator activity.
March 22, 2021 No predator activity.
March 25, 2021 No predator activity.
March 29, 2021 5.8 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, Double, and Mary Islands.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Tuesday, March 30**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

Herring survey data collected by the department from aerial and boat surveys will be available online through the interactive herring spawn maps located on the department's website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps>.

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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