



Advisory Announcement

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2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig and Revilla Channel areas. The weather was clear skies with excellent visibility.

Craig

No herring spawn was observed during today's aerial survey. Herring were observed near the beach on the southwest shore of Fish Egg Island. Predator activity has remained stable with approximately 60 sea lions observed in smaller groups near Cape Suspiro, the Alberto Islands, Abess Island, and the Ballena Islands. Eight humpback whales were observed throughout the Craig/Klawock area with five of those off the south side of Fish Egg Island. There was no predator activity observed around St. Phillips, Portillo Channel, Pt. Amargura or San Juan Bautista. There are approximately 60 pound structures on the grounds.

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	Reduced predator activity.
April 3, 2021	Slight increase in predator activity.

Revilla Channel

No herring spawn was observed during today's aerial survey. A small school of herring was observed on the northern tip of Dog Island. Approximately 30 sea lions were documented in the area.

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.
March 30, 2021	3.3 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, and Double Islands.
April 3, 2021	Limited predator activity.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Monday, April 5**. 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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