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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 27**

Today's aerial survey of Sitka Sound covered an area ranging south from Walker Channel and north to Salisbury Sound. Weather and visibility were fair with cloudy skies and 10-knot winds. Approximately 25.7 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed today in Eastern Bay, Middle Island, the Kasiana Islands, from Silver Point to Pirates Cove, Redoubt Bay, Hot Springs Bay, Elovoi, Golf, and Gornoi Islands, Walker Channel, Jamboree Bay, Whiting Harbor, Jamestown Bay, and along the Sitka road system from Sandy Beach to Eliason Harbor (Figure 1). Through April 11, the cumulative estimate of observed herring spawn in Sitka Sound is approximately 77.1 nmi.

The next aerial survey is scheduled for Monday, April 12, and the next fishery update will be released after the aerial survey is 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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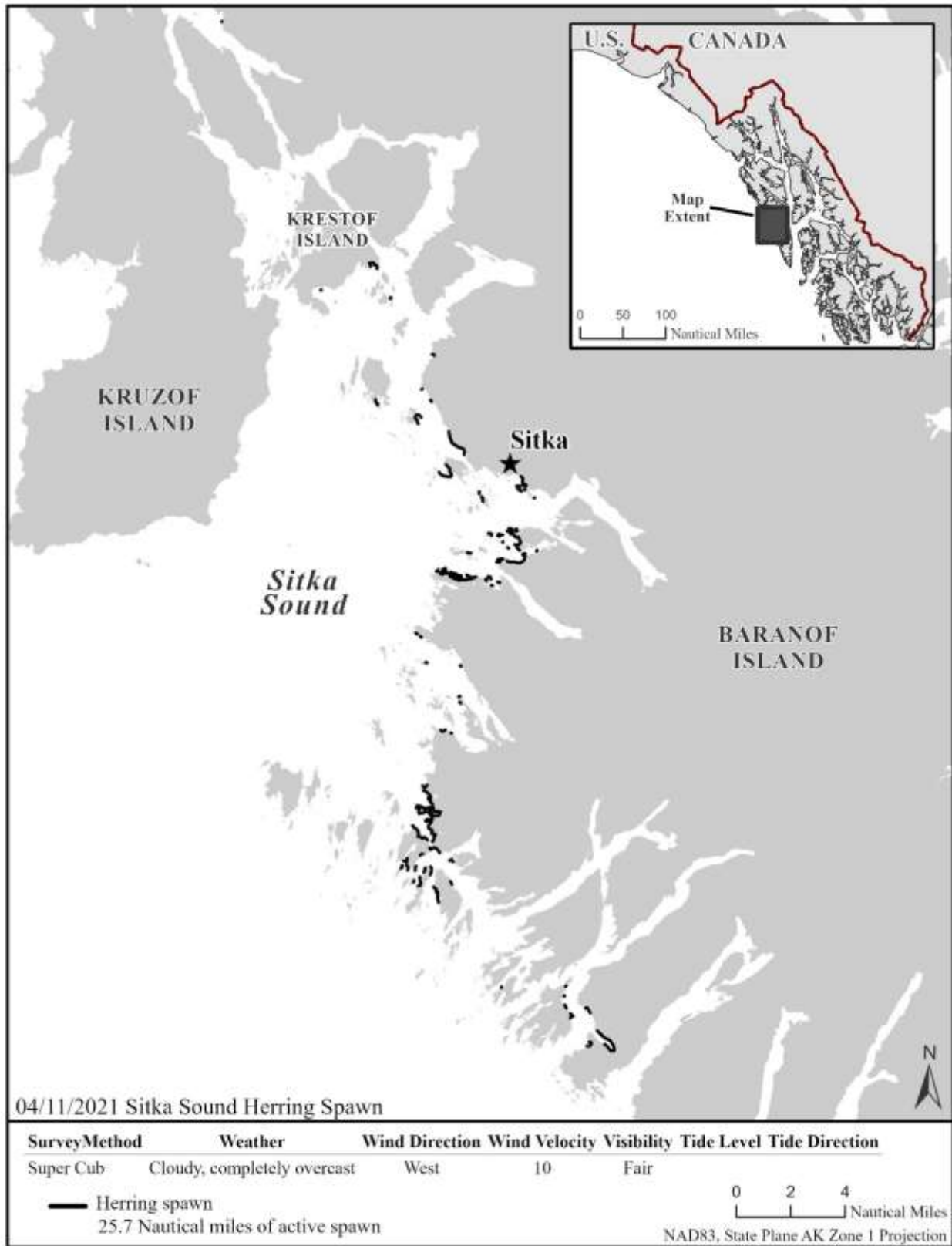


Figure 1.– Map of herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on April 11, 2021