



Advisory Announcement

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2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 12

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig area. Weather was broken overcast. Visibility was fair with very light wind.

Craig

Approximately 22.0 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on Fish Egg Island, the Ballenas Islands, the western shore of Wadleigh Island, Clam Island, the Alberto Islands, western shore of Abbess Island, and Rosary Island. Predators are highly active throughout the area with numerous pods of sea lions and whales from Abbess Island to south of the Ballenas Islands. Fishermen are still actively fishing, and the majority of the pounds have had herring introduced. Through April 10, the cumulative estimate of herring spawn in the Craig/Klawock area is approximately 23.5 nmi.

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.
April 5, 2021	0.2 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island. Fisherman actively filling pounds. ~50 pounds filled.
April 6, 2021	1.0 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island. Fisherman actively filling pounds. ~55 pounds filled.
April 7, 2021	2.6 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Ballenas, Wadleigh and Alberto Islands. ~60 pounds filled.
April 8, 2021	8.7 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Ballenas, Wadleigh and Alberto Islands. ~70 pounds filled.
April 9, 2021	10.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Ballenas, Wadleigh, Alberto, and Abbess Islands. ~70 pounds filled.
April 10, 2021	15.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Ballenas, Wadleigh, Alberto, Clam, Rosary, & Abbess Islands.
April 11, 2021	22.0 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Ballenas, Wadleigh, Alberto, Clam, Rosary, & Abbess Islands.

Revilla Channel

The cumulative herring spawn in state waters in Revilla Channel is 7.9 nmi. The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a spawn dive deposition survey on Sunday, April 11.

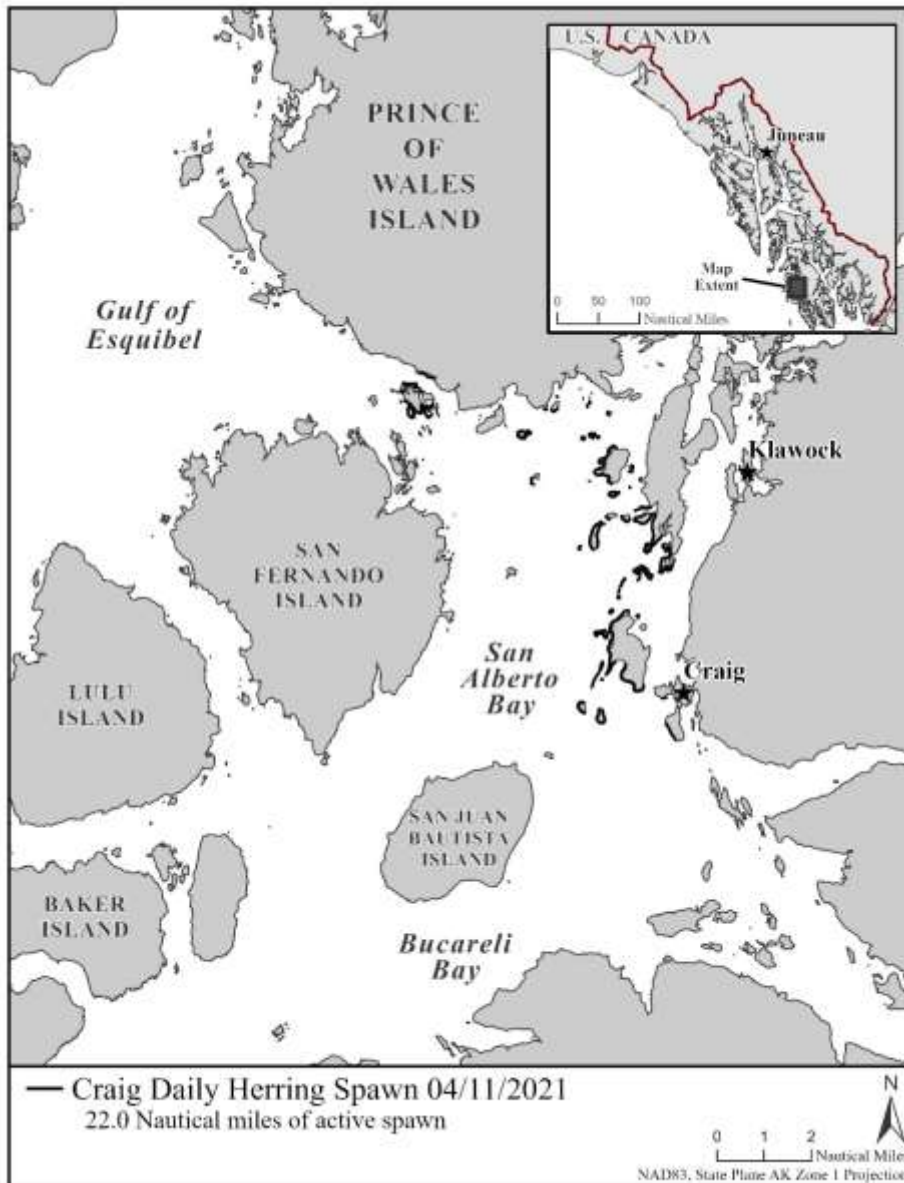
2021 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

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.
April 5, 2021	0.3 nmi of spawn on Mary Island.
April 6, 2021	0.1 nmi of spawn on Mary Island.
April 7, 2021	No activity.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Monday, April 12**. 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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