



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 25**

The aerial survey conducted on April 9 covered Sitka Sound from Windy Passage to Krestof Sound. Weather during the flight was good with 5-knot winds, and clear skies. Viewing conditions were good for observing herring and herring spawn. There was approximately 6.2 nautical miles (nmi) of herring spawn observed on April 9. Active spawning areas include Siginaka Islands, Long Island, Povorotni Point, Redoubt Bay, Hot Springs Bay, Big Bay, Presidents Bay, and between First and Second Narrows (Figure 1). The cumulative herring spawn mileage to date is 72.9 nmi.

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery will close for the season at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2022. Openings have occurred daily from April 6 through April 10.

The harvest estimate from the fishery that occurred on April 9 was approximately 1,550-tons of herring. Harvest results from today's fishery will be included in the next fishery update. Total harvest in the fishery through April 9 is approximately 25,900-tons of herring.

The department continues to work with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in response to the grounding of the vessel in Neva Strait. This includes tracking the geographic extent of the spilled fuel and assessing any potential impacts to the subsistence and commercial herring fisheries in Sitka Sound. More information can be found on the DEC website: <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/spill-information/response/2022/01-tug-western-mariner-grounding/>

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Monday, April 11.

All aerial herring survey data can be reviewed online, including spawn lines and photos, in an interactive map application found at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps> or scan:



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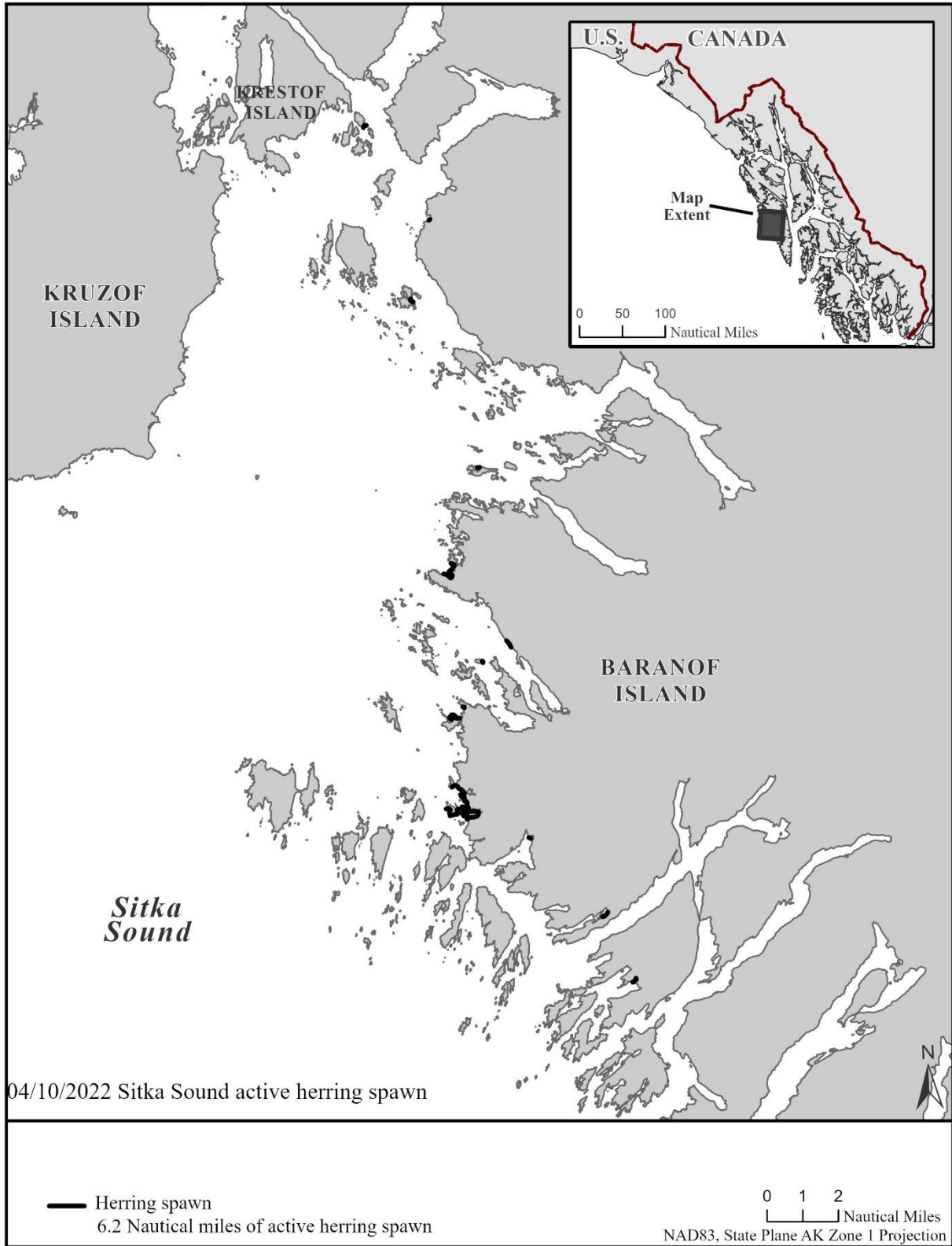


Figure 1.— Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 10, 2022.