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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 28**

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Middle Channel. Survey conditions today were good with 15-knot south winds, and cloudy skies. Approximately 0.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed in Kluichvoi Bay and Gornoi Island during this flight (Figure 1). The cumulative mapped spawn is approximately 73.8 nmi.

A department vessel surveyed Sitka Sound from Crescent Bay to Windy Passage. Several schools of herring were located on sonar throughout the surveyed area. As of today, the department will no longer be assessing Sitka Sound for commercial harvest opportunity for the remainder of the 2023 season.

This will be the last fishery update of the 2023 season. A season summary advisory announcement will be issued following the conclusion of aerial, vessel, and dive surveys. Aerial surveys will continue, weather permitting, to monitor for additional herring spawn in Sitka Sound and Hoonah Sound until it is determined that spawning activity has ended for the 2023 season. The data collected and corresponding images will continue to be posted online immediately after each flight.

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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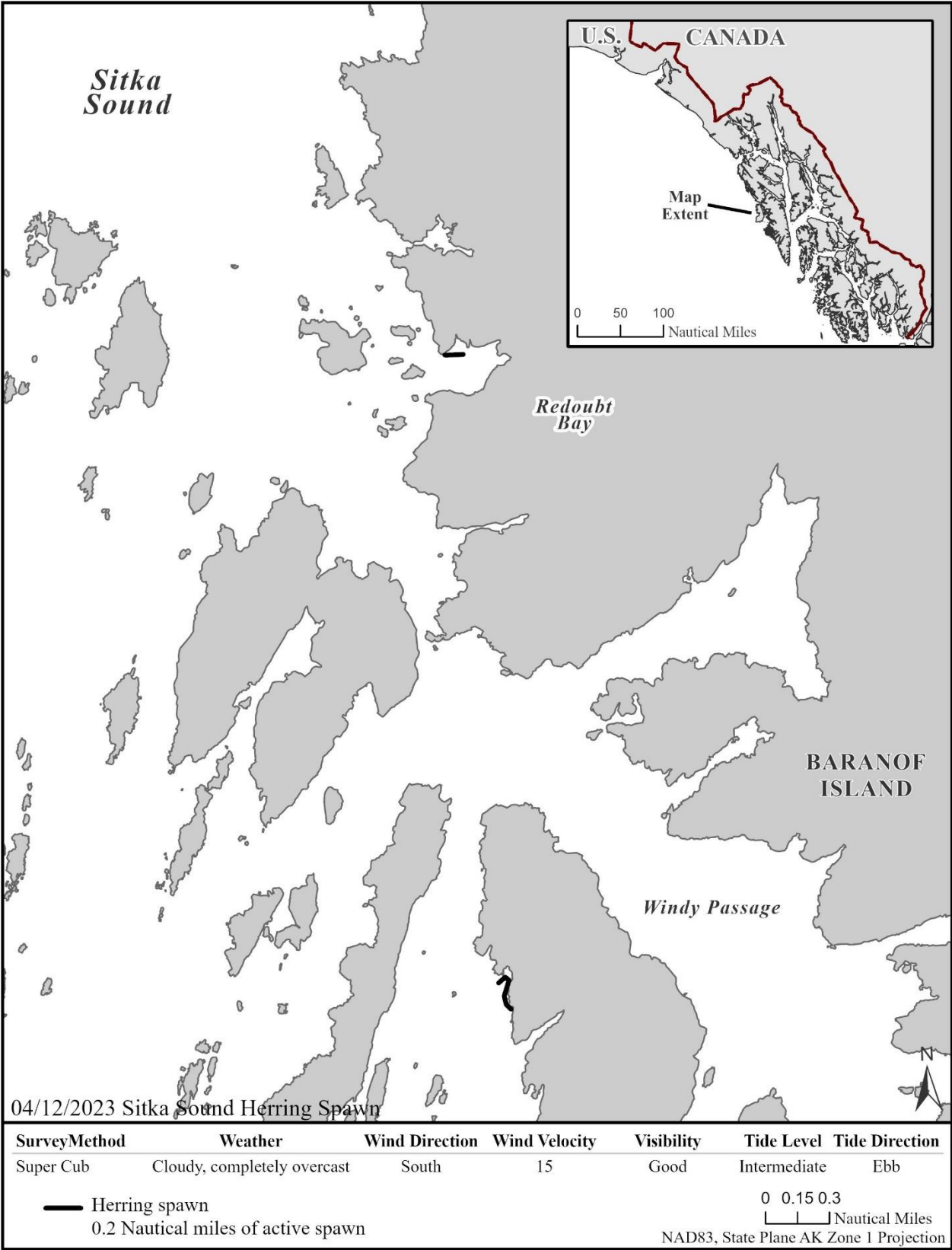


Figure 1.– Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 12, 2023.