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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 1

Aerial surveys have begun for the 2025 Sitka Sound herring season. The survey flight conducted on March 12 covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Biorka Island and from St. Lazaria Island to Krestof Sound. Survey conditions were good with partly cloudy skies and 5-knot winds. No herring schools or spawn were observed today; herring predators were observed in the northern portion of the surveyed area. A small number of humpback whales were observed between Biorka Island and Shoals Point. Small concentrations of sea lions were observed in Hayward Strait. Predator numbers and locations are typical for this time of year.

The next aerial survey is scheduled for Friday, March 14 and the next fishery update can be expected on Monday, March 17, or sooner if a significant change in predator numbers or distribution is observed.

Recently the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has been experiencing significant delays publishing advisory announcements. However, herring advisory announcements are published without delay to the department website found at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring>.

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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