



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 1**

Aerial surveys were conducted on March 17 and today, March 21, in the Revilla Channel area and today, March 21 in the Craig area.

**Craig**

The aerial survey covered the entire Craig area from St. Philips Island to Point Amargura to Port St. Nicholas; including Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Abbess Islands. The weather was marginal, with overcast skies, moderate winds, and occasional squalls. Very little predator activity was observed throughout the area with no large groups of sea lions or birds. No whales were observed during today's aerial survey. There were approximately 50 pounds in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 17, 2025. ADF&G personnel arrived on the grounds Thursday, March 20, but due to limited activity, will not be present over the next several days. When predator and herring activity increase, ADF&G personnel will return to monitor the fishery daily throughout the spawning event and can be reached on VHF Channel 10 or 16.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Tuesday, March 25**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

2025 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 21, 2025    Limited predator activity.

**Revilla Channel**

The aerial surveys on March 17 and March 21 included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands and the mainland shoreline from Kah Shakes Cove to the De Long Islands. Weather conditions were fair with broken clouds, light winds, and the occasional rain squall. No predator activity was observed in state waters on either survey.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Saturday, March 21**.

2025 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 17, 2025    No predator activity.

March 21, 2025    No predator activity.

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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