



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 2

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to St. Philip Island, through Portillo Channel to Point Amargura. The weather was marginal with overcast skies, moderate southerly winds, and decent visibility. An active spawn was beginning and expanding rapidly on the southwest side of Fish Egg Island. There was 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) during today's aerial survey at approximately 11:00 a.m. There are approximately 50 pound structures in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced. There were numerous sea lions in the immediate area of the active spawn, with additional sea lions observed near the Klawock Reef. Whales were observed on the north side of Fish Egg Island and in the deeper waters between Fish Egg and the Ballenas Islands. No other predator activity was observed in the Craig/Klawock area.

Fisherman participating in the herring spawn-on-kelp pound fishery are encouraged to harvest their kelp blades, configure their pound structures, and monitor the open pounding area for opportunity to introduce herring into their structures.

The fishery opened to placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Monday, March 17, 2025. ADF&G personnel will be on the grounds Tuesday, March 25, 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.
March 24, 2025 1.0 nmi of spawn on SW Fish Egg Island

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey 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. Very little predator activity was observed in state waters. There was a small spot spawn, approximately 0.1 nmi, on the inside of the De Long Islands group with several small schools of herring associated with this spot spawn. A moderate sized school of herring was observed just north of Double Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Tuesday, March 25**.

2025 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 17, 2025 No predator activity.
March 21, 2025 No predator activity.
March 24, 2025 0.1 nmi of spawn at De Long Islands

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:

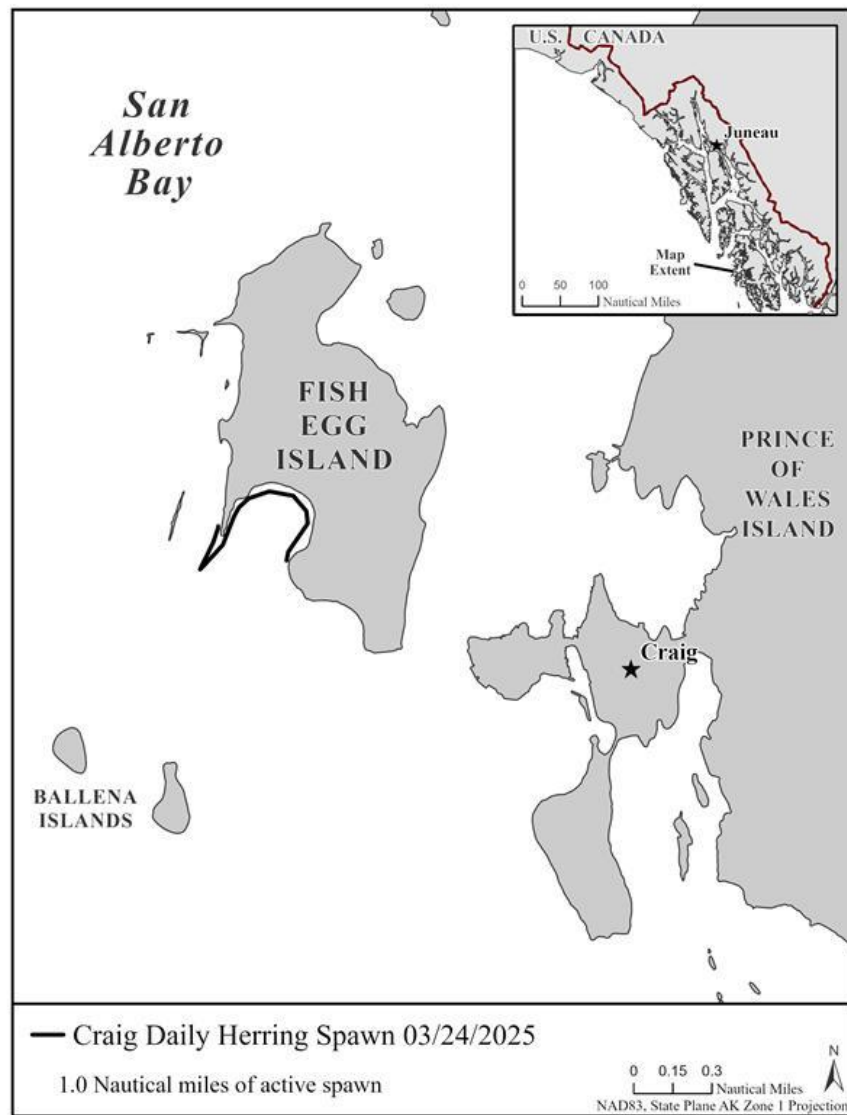


Figure 1. Active herring spawn in Craig March 24, 2025.

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