



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to Point Ildefonso, across to Fern Point, and around Fish Egg Island. The weather was marginal with a low ceiling, rain squalls, moderate southerly winds, and poor visibility. 2.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed on the west side of Fish Egg Island. There were numerous sea lions in the immediate area of the active spawn. Three whales were observed near the Port Bagial reef. No other predator activity was observed in the Craig/Klawock area. There are approximately 50 pound structures in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced.

Fishers 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 are on the grounds and can be reached on VHF Channel 10 or 16.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Wednesday, March 26**. 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
March 25, 2025	2.2 nmi of spawn on west 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 poor with low overcast, light winds, occasional squalls, and poor visibility. Very little predator activity was observed in state waters. There was a light, dissipating spot spawn, approximately 0.1 nmi, on the inside of the De Long Islands group. A moderate sized school of herring was observed just north of Double Island with 10 sea lions between Fish and Double Islands.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Wednesday, March 26**.

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
March 25, 2025	0.1 nmi of dissipating 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:

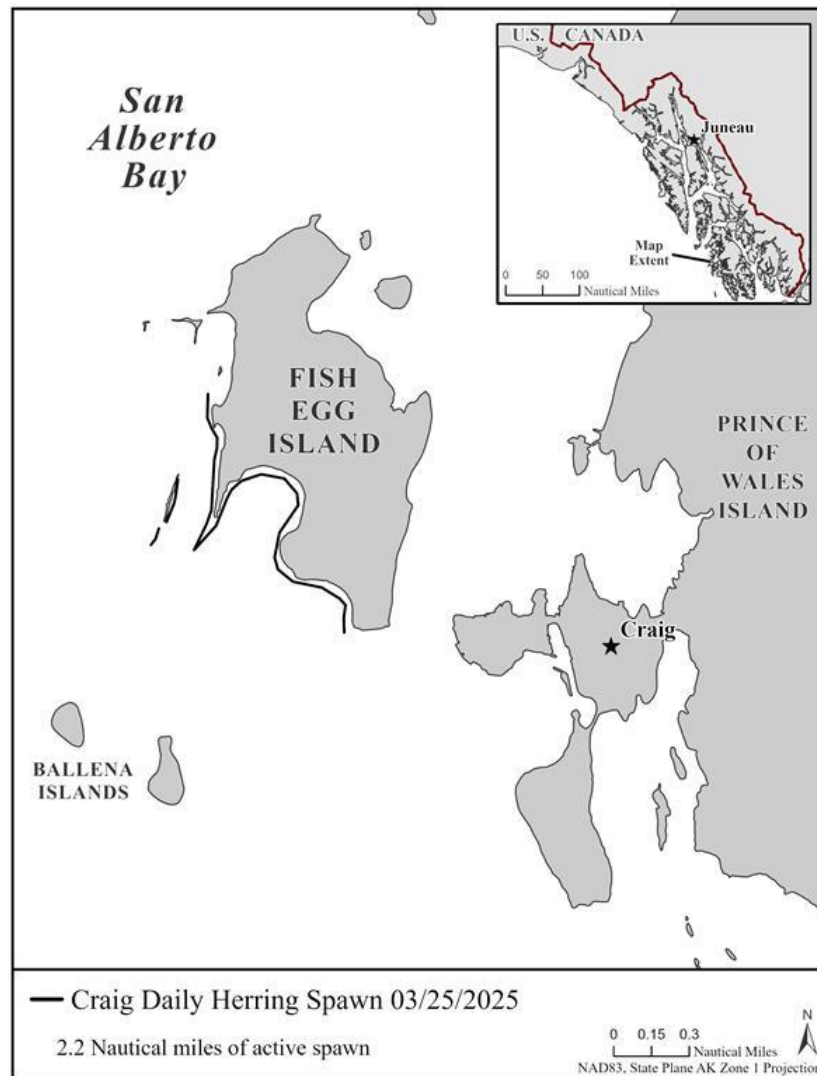


Figure 1. Active herring spawn in Craig, March 25, 2025.

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