



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to St. Philip Island, through Portillo Channel to Pt. Amagura and around Fish Egg Island. The weather was excellent with clear, sunny skies, a light northerly wind, and excellent visibility. 4.3 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed along the entire north and west side of Fish Egg Island. There were numerous sea lions in the immediate area of the active spawn and dispersed across Fish Egg reef over to the Ballenas Islands. Another 20 sea lions were observed on the south side of Clam Island. Four whales were observed in the northern pounding cove between Wadleigh and Abbess Islands. 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 **Thursday, March 27**. 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
March 26, 2025	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands. Weather conditions were marginal with high overcast skies and strong northerly winds. 2.4 nmi of spawn was observed on the western shore of Cat Island, Double Island, and the northwest side of Dog Island extending into Dog Bay. A whale was seen on the north side of Cat Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Thursday, March 27**.

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
March 26, 2025	2.4 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, and Double 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:

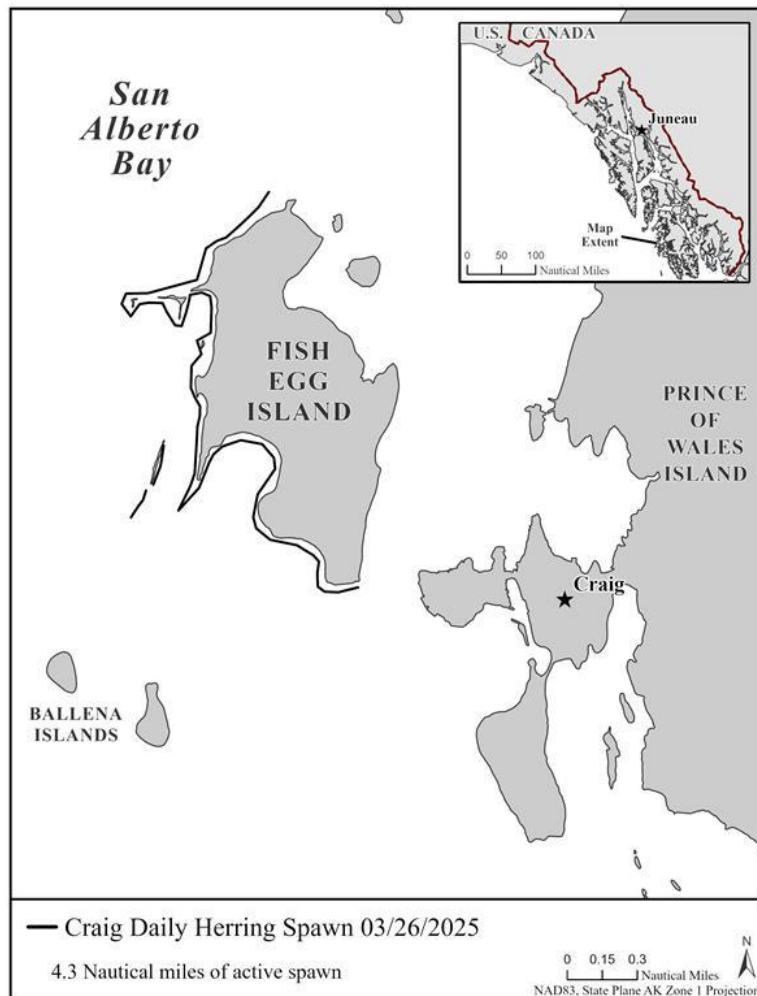


Figure 1. Active herring spawn for Craig on March 26, 2025.

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