



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to Abess Island, Wadleigh Island, Fish Egg Island including the Ballena and Balandra Islands. The weather was good with clear, sunny skies, light variable winds, and excellent visibility. 4.5 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed along the entire north and west side of Fish Egg Island with spawn beginning to wrap around the southeast portion of Fish Egg Island. Sea lions continue to stage off Fish Egg Island in the immediate area of the active spawn and dispersed across Fish Egg reef over to the Ballena 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; herring have been introduced into a limited number of pounds.

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 **Friday, March 28**. 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
March 27, 2025	4.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands. Weather conditions were good with clear, sunny skies, calm winds and excellent visibility. 6.6 nmi of spawn was observed on the west and southern shore of Cat Island, Village Island, Double Island, and the northern shore of Dog Island extending into Dog Bay.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Friday, March 28**.

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

March 27, 2025 6.6 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Village 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:

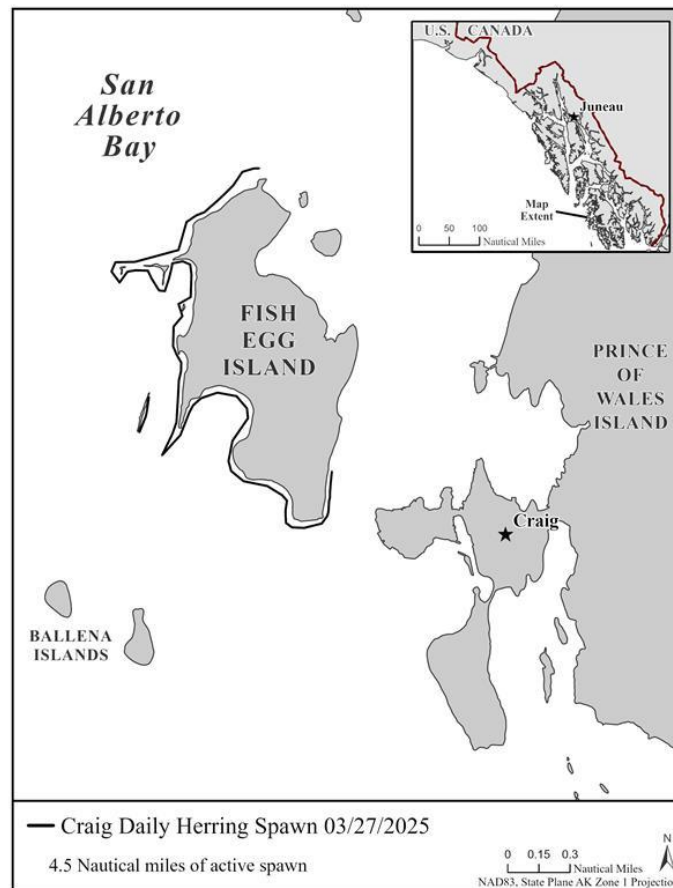


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn documented from the aerial survey in the Craig/Klawock area for March 27, 2025.

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