



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 6

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to St Philip Island, Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Abbess Islands, and the shoreline of San Juan Bautista Island. The weather for the survey was clear, sunny skies, light variable winds, and excellent visibility. 4.7 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed along the entire north and west side of Fish Egg Island with spawn wrapping around the southeast portion of Fish Egg Island. Spawn has expanded to include the eastern island of the Ballena Islands. 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 10 sea lions were observed on the north side of Clam Island. Five humpback whales were between the northeast side of San Juan Bautista Island and Ballandra Island. There are approximately 55 pound structures in the open pounding area. Herring have been introduced into about a third of the pounds.

Fishers participating in the herring spawn-on-kelp pound fishery are encouraged to monitor the open pounding area for an 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 **Saturday, March 29**. 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
March 28, 2025	4.7 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Ballena Islands

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands, and the mainland shore from Kah Shakes Cove to the De Long Islands. Weather conditions were excellent with clear, sunny skies, calm winds, and great visibility. 2.3 nmi of spawn was observed on the southern shore of Cat Island, the northern shore of Village Island, the southern shore of Double Island, and the northeastern and northwestern shore of Dog Island. No spawn was observed on the mainland shoreline. Sea lions were associated with the spawn on Cat and Dog Islands, and 1,500 scooters were observed north of Village Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Saturday, March 29**.

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
 March 28, 2025 2.3 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Village, and Duke 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:

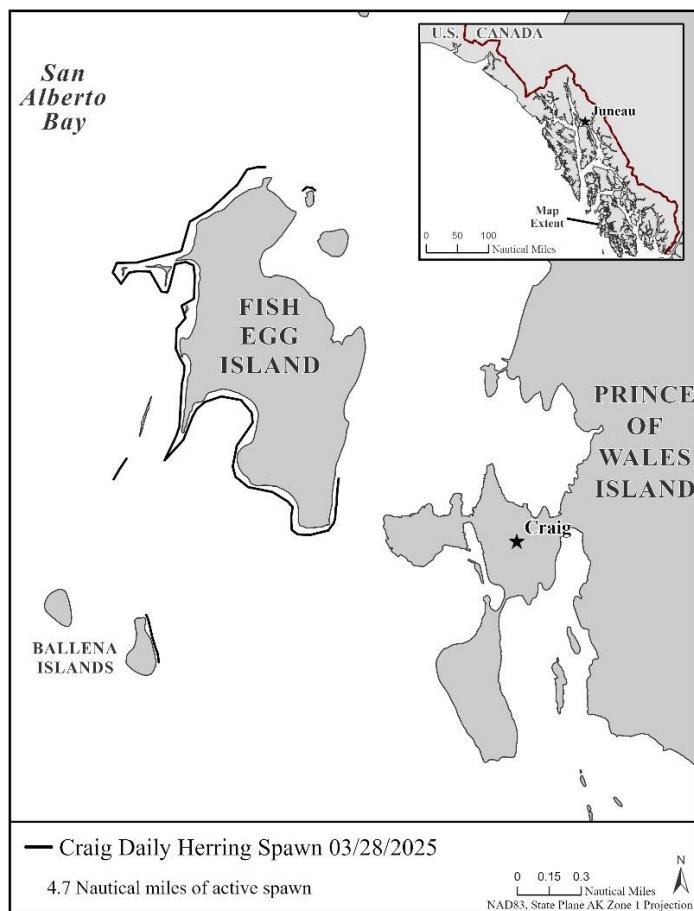


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn documented from the aerial survey in the Craig/Klawock area for March 28, 2025.

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