



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the Craig area, from the Coronados Islands to Point Ildefonso to Fern Point, and the northeast shoreline of San Juan Bautista Island. The weather for the survey was overcast skies, moderate winds from the east, and descent visibility. 4.0 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 side of Balandra Island. Approximately 100 sea lions were observed north of Clam Island and throughout the pounding area. Multiple large schools of herring were seen leading the beach on the northern shore of Fish Egg Island and the western shore of Wadleigh Island from Entrance Point to the Alberto Islands. Sea lions were also observed on the north and south portion of Fish Egg Island associated with the active spawn. There are approximately 55 pound structures in the open pounding area. Fishermen are actively filling herring pounds and herring have been introduced into the majority of the pounds.

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 **Sunday, March 30**. 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
March 29, 2025	4.0 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Balandra Islands

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands. Weather conditions were overcast skies, easterly winds, and good visibility. 0.2 nmi of dissipating spawn was observed on the northern shore of Dog Island and the eastern shoreline of Dog Bay. Limited predator activity was observed in state waters.

Unless the department receives new information, no additional aerial surveys of the Revilla Channel area are scheduled. The 2025 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters for Revilla Channel is 7.5 nmi (Figure 2). The *R/V Kestrel* may conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in Revilla Channel in the upcoming weeks.

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
March 29, 2025	0.2 nmi of spawn on Dog Island

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:

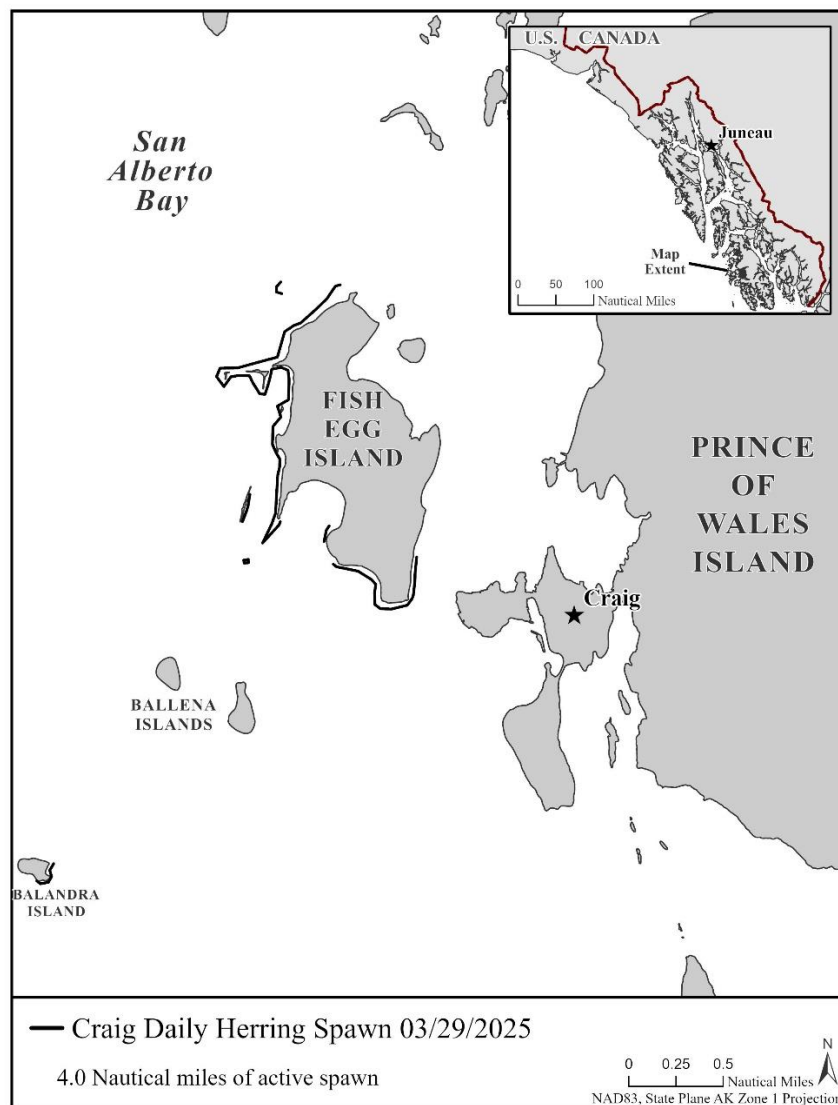


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn documented from the aerial survey in the Craig/Klawock area for March 29, 2025.

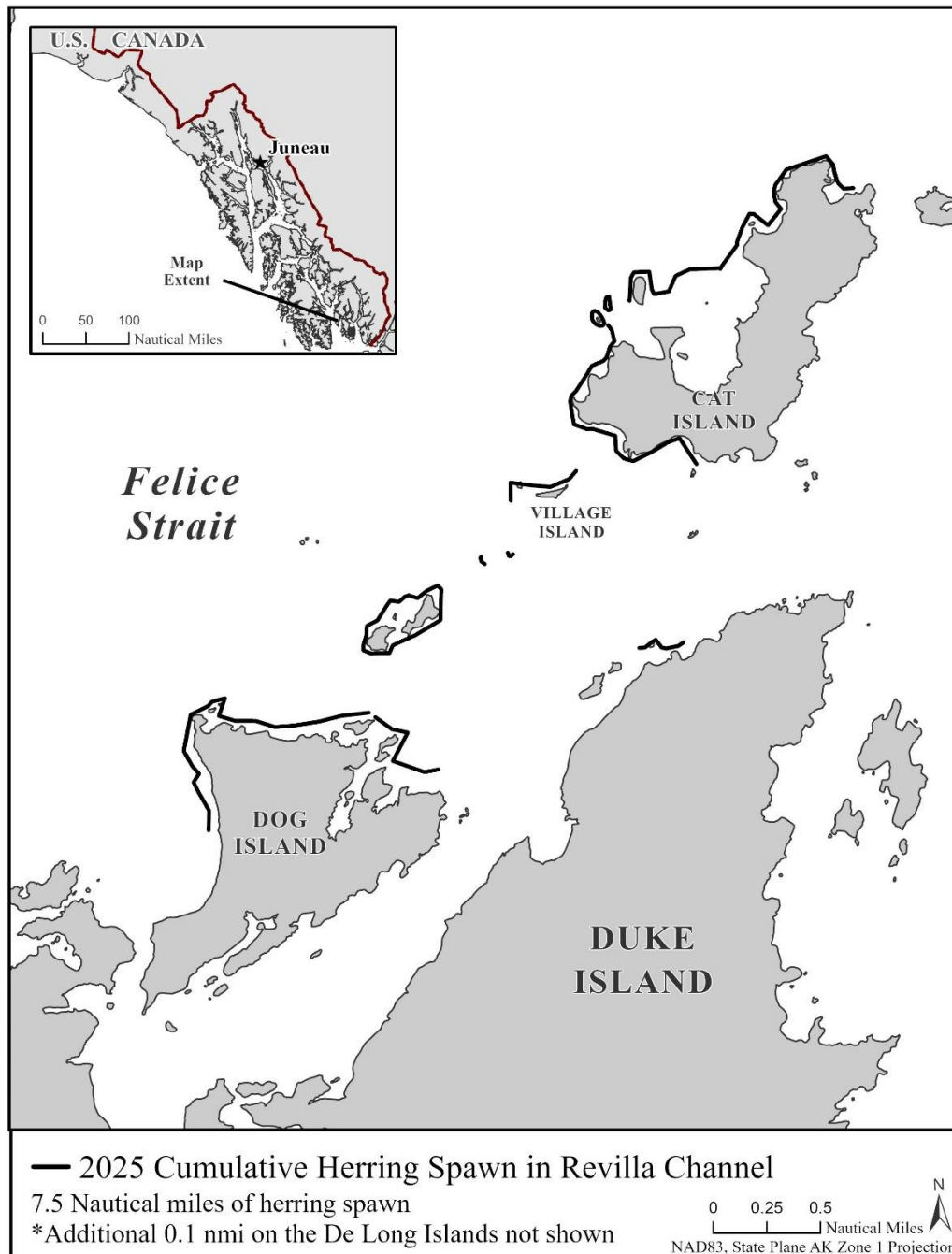


Figure 2. Map of the 2025 cumulative herring spawn documented from aerial surveys in the Revilla Channel area.

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