



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 9

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the Craig area from the Coronados Islands to Point Ildefonso to Fern Point, and the northeast and western shoreline of San Juan Bautista Island. The weather for the survey was clear, sunny skies, light northerly winds, and excellent visibility. 2.5 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed on the south and west side of Fish Egg Island, Wadleigh Island near Entrance Point, and the Alberto Islands. Predator concentration has shifted from Fish Egg Island north into the open pounding area along the Wadleigh shoreline from Entrance Point to Abbess Island and throughout the Alberto Islands. Multiple large schools of herring continue to lead the beach and hang just offshore along the entire western shore of Wadleigh Island from Entrance Point to the Alberto Islands extending north towards Abbess Island. There are 68 pound structures in the open pounding area, all of which have had herring introduced. Fishermen continue to actively fill herring pound structures.

The fishery opened to placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon, 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 **Tuesday, April 1**. 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
March 30, 2025	0.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 31, 2025	2.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Alberto Islands

Revilla Channel

The 2025 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 7.5 nmi. The *R/V Kestrel* may conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in Revilla Channel if time and schedule allow.

Unless the department receives new information, no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Revilla Channel area in 2025.

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:

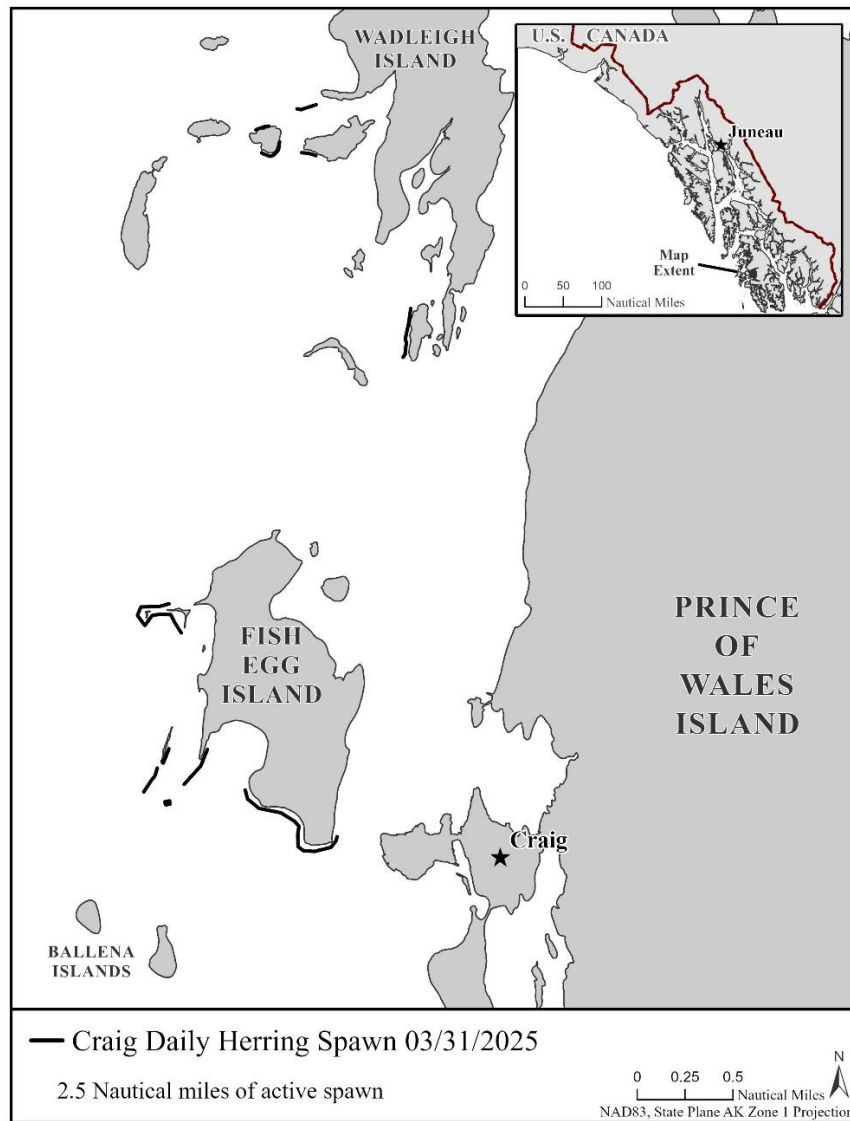


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn documented from the aerial survey in the Craig/Klawock area on March 31, 2025.

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