



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 11

#### Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig area from Port Bagial to Point Ildefonso, and the eastern shoreline of East San Fernando and San Juan Bautista Islands. The weather for the survey was clear with light northerly winds and excellent visibility. A total of 4.1 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed on the northwest side of Fish Egg Island, Abbess Island, Clam Island, Wadleigh Island, and the Alberto Islands. There are 67 pound structures in the open pounding area, all of which have had herring introduced. The 2025 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 2 is approximately 11.1 nmi.

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 **Thursday, April 3**. 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
April 1, 2025	4.7 nmi of spawn on Clam, Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Alberto Islands
April 2, 2025	4.1 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Clam, 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 April 2, 2025.

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