



Advisory Announcement
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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 12

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig area from Port Saint Nicholas along the eastern shoreline of San Juan Bautista Island, Fish Egg Island, Clam Island, the Albertos Islands, Abbess Island, and Point Ildefonso to Blanquital Point. The weather for the survey was clear with light northerly winds and excellent visibility. A total of 4.5 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn (Figure 1) was observed on the northwest side of Fish Egg Island, the south side of Abbess Island, Clam Island, the southwest side of Wadleigh Island, and the Alberto Islands. There are 67 pound structures in the open pounding area, all of which have had herring introduced, some pound operators were beginning to harvest product today. The 2025 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 2 is approximately 13.2 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 **Friday, April 4**. 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
April 3, 2025	4.5 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:

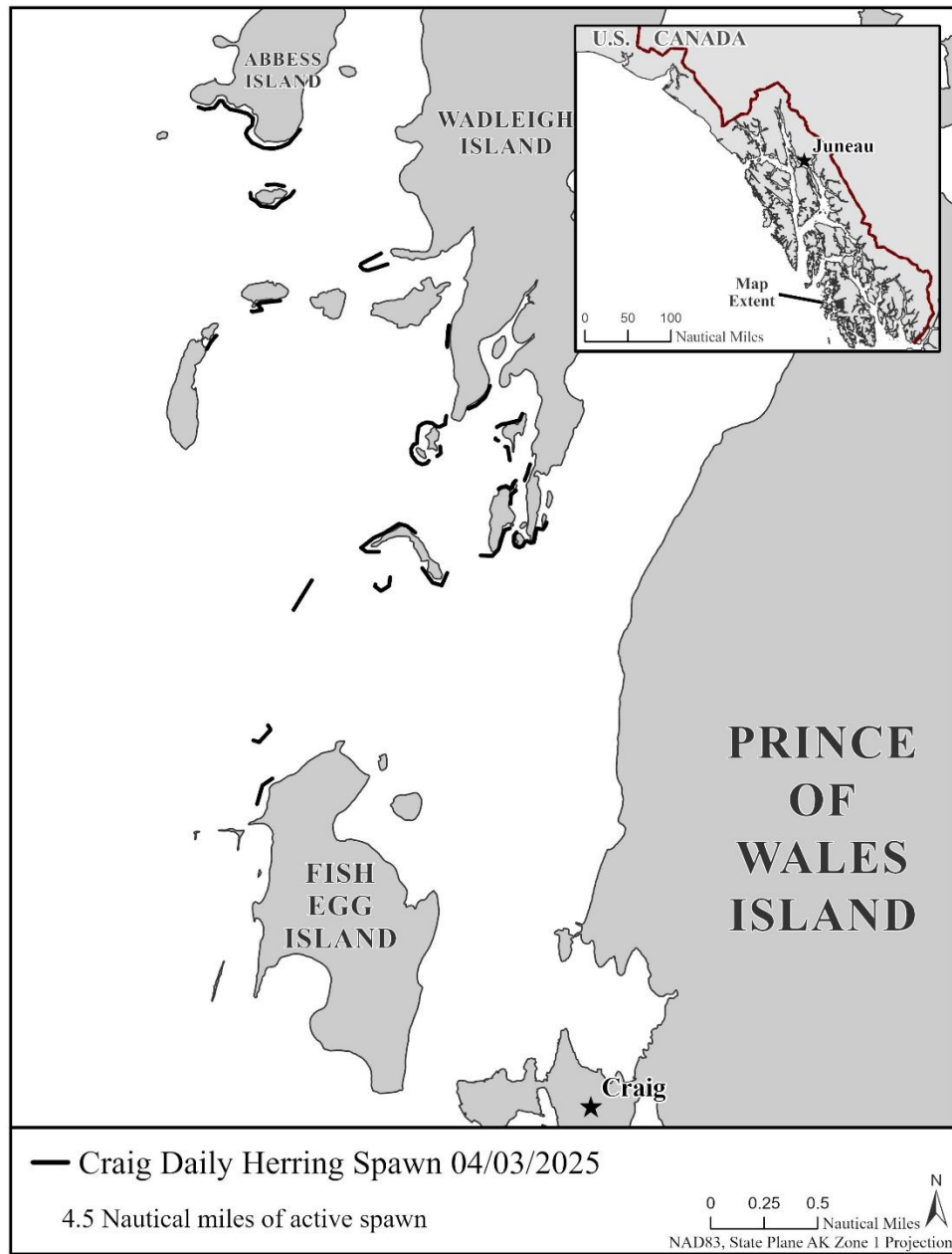


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn documented from the aerial survey in the Craig/Klawock area on April 3, 2025.

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