



Advisory Announcement

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2025 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 14

Craig/Klawock

An aerial survey was conducted in the Craig area on Sunday, April 6. The weather for the survey was low overcast with moderate southerly winds and marginal visibility. A total of 1.7 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on the northwest side of Fish Egg Island, outside of the outer Alberto Islands, Alberto Reef, Wadleigh Rock, and the western shore of Abbess Island. This survey was the final herring aerial survey for 2025.

The 2025 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area is 15.4 nmi (Figure 1). The cumulative spawn may change slightly after skiff surveys are conducted on Thursday, April 10 and Friday, April 11 to document spawn that may have been missed on days aerial surveys did not occur due to weather. The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area beginning Friday, April 11.

An abundance of herring in the open pounding area resulted in a total of 67 pound structures that had herring introduced. This was a marked improvement from 2024 when only 32 pound structures had herring introduced due to the majority of the biomass being south of the open pounding area. Harvest of spawn-on-kelp product has largely concluded and initial reports are the spawn-on-kelp product was uniformly good.

2025 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

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| 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 |
| April 4, 2025 | 4.7 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Clam, Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Alberto Islands |
| April 6, 2025 | 1.7 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, and Fish Egg Islands. |

Revilla Channel

The 2025 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 8.4 nmi (Figure 2). The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in Revilla Channel area on Monday, April 14.

Unless the department receives new information, **no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Ketchikan 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:

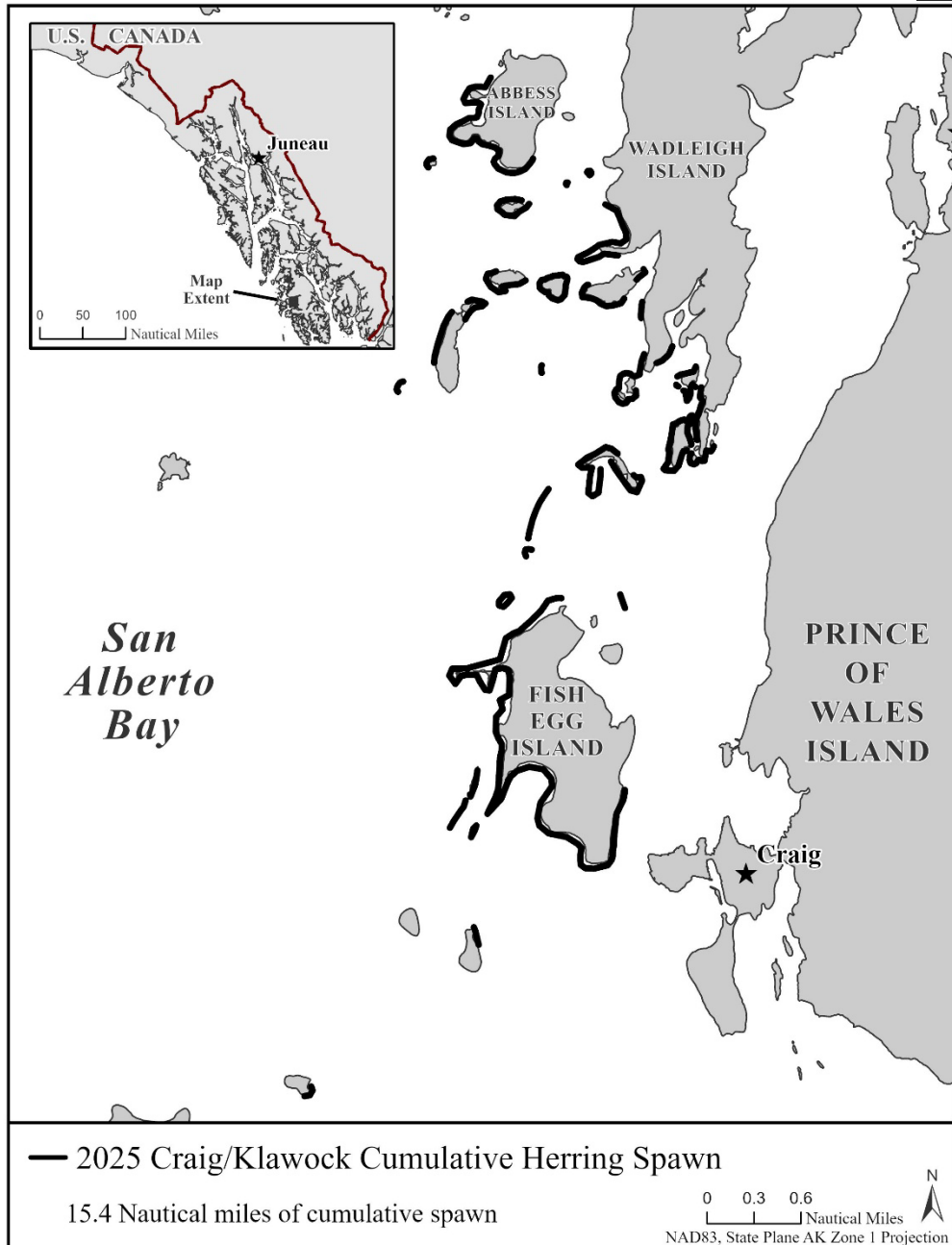


Figure 1. Map of the total cumulative herring spawn observed in the Craig/Klawock area through April 10, 2025.

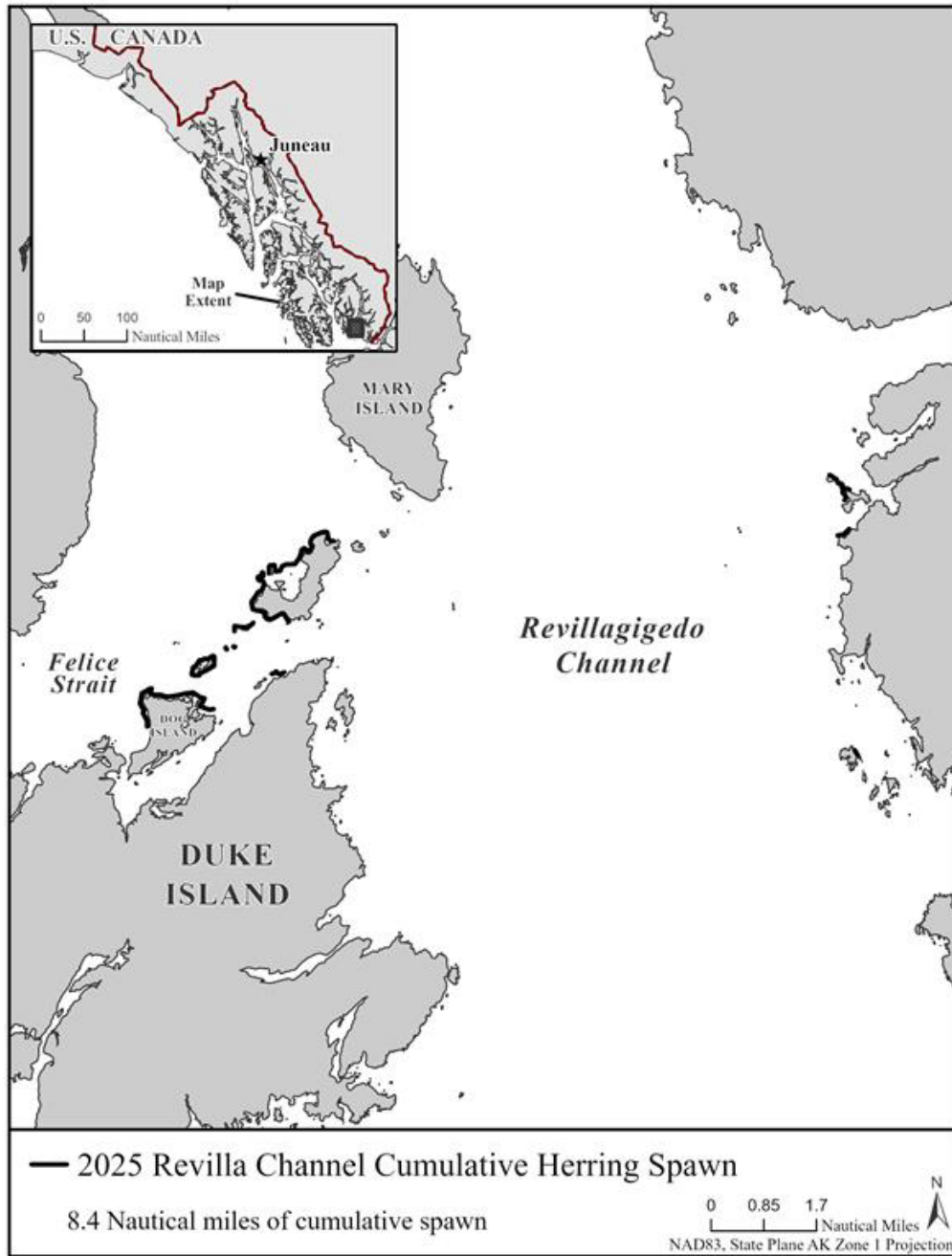


Figure 2. Map of the total cumulative herring spawn observed in the Revilla Channel area in 2025.

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