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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Povorotni Point and St. Lazaria Island to Krestof Sound. No herring schools or spawn were observed. Herring predators were observed throughout the surveyed area. The largest concentrations of humpback whales were observed near Cape Burunof and from Inner Point to Bieli Rock. Large groups of sea lions were seen near Inner Point and Mountain Point. Predator numbers and locations observed during today's flight are typical for surveys conducted during this time of year.

Department and industry vessels surveyed Sitka Sound today from Deep Inlet to Hayward Strait and from Cape Burunof to Povorotni Point. Very large schools of herring were observed near Long Island, Cape Burunof, northwest of Bieli Rock, and from Inner Point to Mountain Point.

No test sets were conducted today.

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Thursday, March 26.

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:



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