



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 2

Craig

A short skiff survey was conducted today around Fish Egg and the Ballena Islands. The weather was marginal with overcast skies and light to moderate winds. A total of 3.5 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed extending along the entire west side of Fish Egg Island from the southern tip to the northwestern spit. There was also a spawn beginning on the northern portion of the inner Ballena Island. Numerous predators including sea lions and humpback whales were scattered along the west side of Fish Egg Island. If weather prevents an aerial survey on Thursday, March 26, a thorough skiff survey will occur throughout the Craig/Klawock area.

Fisherman participating in the herring spawn-on-kelp pound fishery are encouraged to harvest their kelp blades, configure their pound structures, and monitor the open pounding area for opportunity to introduce herring into their structures.

The fishery opened for the placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. ADF&G personnel are on the grounds and can be reached on VHF Channel 10 or 16. Notice to all commercial spawn-on-kelp fisherman, the ADF&G commercial fisheries office in Craig will remain staffed through during normal business hours for assistance with permits, registrations, and herring updates.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Thursday, March 26, but may not occur until Friday, March 27**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial or skiff surveys are completed for the day.

2026 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

- March 20, 2026 Limited predator activity
- March 25, 2026 3.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

Revilla Channel

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Friday, March 27**.

2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

- March 20, 2026 No predator activity

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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