



## Advisory Announcement

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### 2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4

#### Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig/Klawock area, from the Coronados Islands to St. Philip Island, through Portillo Channel to Pt. Amargura. Weather during the survey was good with light winds, high broken overcast skies, and excellent visibility. A total of **4.3 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed, once again, extending along the entire west side of Fish Egg Island from the southern tip to the northwestern spit, and then beginning to wrap around the north shore of Fish Egg Island. Predator activity, including sea lions and humpback whales, were dispersed along the western shore of Fish Egg with the largest concentration of sea lions between Fish Egg and the Ballena Islands. Several humpback whales were observed in Craig harbor between the fuel dock and Cole Island. Significant predator activity remains on the north shore of Fish Egg Island, and a large biomass of herring was observed on a skiff survey in the deeper waters west of Klawock Reef. There are approximately 56 pound structures in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced.

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 during normal business hours for the remainder of the spawn-on-kelp fishery for assistance with permits, registrations, and herring updates.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Saturday, March 28**. 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
March 26, 2026	4.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 27, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

#### Revilla Channel

No survey. The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Saturday, March 28**.

#### 2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	No predator activity
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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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