



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5**

Aerial surveys were conducted today in the Revilla Channel and Craig/Klawock areas. Weather was good, with light winds, high broken overcast skies, and excellent visibility.

**Craig**

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig/Klawock area, from Port Saint Nicholas to St Philip Island, along the eastern side of San Fernando, the northern side of San Juan Bautista, including the Ballena, Fish Egg, Wadleigh, and Abbess Islands. A total of **5.0 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed from the southern tip of Fish Egg Island wrapping around the entire western side out along both sides of the northwest spit. Today's spawn expanded further along the northern 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 outside Shelter Cove to Cape Suspiro. Significant predator activity remains on the north shore of Fish Egg Island, and a large biomass of herring was observed on a skiff survey off the inner Ballena Islands and the deeper waters west of Klawock Reef and Clam Island. There are approximately 56 pound structures in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced.

The fishery opened for the placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (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 **Sunday, March 29**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial or skiff surveys are completed for the day. **State offices will be closed Monday, March 30, for Swards 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
March 28, 2026	5.0 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands.

**Revilla Channel**

An aerial survey was conducted along the Kah Shakes to De Long Islands shoreline, and around Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke Islands. No spawn was observed. A single humpback whale was observed within the area. The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Sunday, March 29.**

**2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary**

March 20, 2026 No predator activity

March 28, 2026 Limited 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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