



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 7

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Revilla Channel area. Weather was poor, with moderate and variable winds, low ceiling, snow squalls, and poor visibility.

Craig

Weather prevented an aerial survey of the Craig area today. A skiff survey covered the immediate Craig/Klawock area, from the Ballena Islands north through Shinaku Inlet. A total of **1.9 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed along the northern portion of Fish Egg Island wrapping around the eastern shore extending to south of Cole Island. Spawn was also observed on the unnamed island off the northern tip of Fish Egg Island and the reef south of the Ballena Islands. Spawn on the western side of Fish Egg Island had dissipated. Predator activity, including sea lions and humpback whales, was highest on the northern side of the northwest spit on Fish Egg Island, and surrounding the Ballena Islands. Humpback whales continue to be observed feeding between Fish Egg Island and Klawock Reef. There are approximately 58 pound structures in the open pounding area; several pounds have had herring 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 **Tuesday, March 31**. 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
March 28, 2026	5.0 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 29, 2026	5.5 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 30, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island and on the reef south of the Ballena Islands

Revilla Channel

An aerial survey was conducted along the southern portion of Mary Island, the northern tip of Duke Island, the western shore of Dog, and around Cat and Double Islands. **A total of 3.0 nmi of active spawn** was observed on the east shore extending around through the south shore of Cat Island and the western half of Double Island. No predators were observed in the area.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Tuesday, March 31**.

2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 20, 2026 No predator activity
 March 28, 2026 Limited predator activity
 March 29, 2026 0.5 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands
 March 30, 2026 3.0 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands

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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