



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 8**

**Craig**

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig area from Cape Suspiro to Abbess Island. Weather was marginal with turbulent winds, a high ceiling, and decent visibility. A total of **1.9 nautical miles (nmi) of light active spawn** was observed along the northern and eastern shore of Fish Egg Island. Predator activity, including sea lions and humpback whales, remains concentrated around Fish Egg Island and the Ballenas with several whales between Clam Island and the Alberto Islands and near Entrance Point. There are approximately 58 pound structures in the open pounding area; herring have been introduced into several pounds and fisherman are actively filling pounds today.

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 **Wednesday, April 1**. 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
March 31, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

**Revilla Channel**

An aerial survey was conducted throughout the Revilla Channel area. Weather was excellent, with light southerly winds, broken high overcast, and excellent visibility. **A total of 3.2 nmi of active spawn** was observed along the southeastern shore of Cat Island, the northern shore of Dog Island, Double Island, and Duke Island near Grave Point, as well as the outer portion of Duck Island.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Wednesday, April 1**.

**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  
 March 31, 2026 3.2 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Duke 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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