



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 10

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the greater Craig/Klawock area from Port Saint Nicholas to St Philip Island, including the eastern shore of San Fernando Island and the north and east shores of San Juan Bautista Island. Weather was clear skies, a light breeze, and excellent visibility. A total of **9.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed in the Craig area. Spawn continued on Fish Egg Island and expanded to the Ballena Islands and along the POW shore from the southern entrance of the Craig boat harbor to Cape Suspiro and from the Craig fuel dock north along the highway. Spawn also expanded north today from Entrance Point on Wadleigh Island extending north on Wadleigh to the Alberto Islands, including the unnamed island between Abbess and the Alberto Islands. Predator activity, including sea lions and humpback whales, has dispersed throughout the active spawn area with the largest concentration of sea lions between Fish Egg and the Klawock Reef. There are approximately 64 pound structures in the open pounding area; herring have been introduced into most pounds and fishermen are actively filling pounds. The 2026 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 2 is approximately 14.8 nmi.

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 **Friday, April 3**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial or skiff surveys are completed for the day.

2026 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

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| 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 |
| April 1, 2026 | 4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Cole Island |
| April 2, 2026 | 9.2 nmi of spawn on the Alberto, Ballena, Fish Egg, POW, and Wadleigh Islands |

Revilla Channel

An aerial survey was conducted throughout the Revilla Channel area. Weather was excellent, with calm winds, blue skies, and excellent visibility. **A total of 7.9 nmi of active spawn** was observed along the shore of Cat Island, the northern shore of Dog Island, the northern tip of Duke Island, and Double, Duck, and Village Islands. Very few predators have been observed in the area throughout the spawn event.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Friday, April 3**.

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
 April 1, 2026 7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, and Duke Islands
 April 2, 2026 7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, Duke, and Village 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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