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**SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3**

Today's aerial herring survey covered Sitka Sound from Makhnati Island to Krestof Sound. Survey conditions were poor with 20-knot winds, overcast skies, and rain. No herring schools or spawn were observed today. Herring predator numbers and distributions in the surveyed area were consistent with previous surveys. Most humpback whales were concentrated in the deeper waters west of Bieli Rocks. Several smaller groups of sealions were observed near Bieli Rocks and Inner Point.

The next aerial surveys are scheduled for March 17 and March 18. The next fishery update will be issued on Friday, March 18, or sooner if significant changes in predator abundance or distribution is observed.

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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