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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4**

The aerial survey conducted on March 17 covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel and along the eastern Kruzof shoreline to Eastern Bay. Survey conditions were poor with 15-20 knot winds, overcast skies with a low ceiling, and rain. Difficult viewing conditions affected the survey with air turbulence, many white caps, and passing squalls limiting visibility. No herring schools or spawn were observed. For the herring predators that were seen, humpback whales were south of Eastern Bay and west of Kasiana Island; groups of sea lions were observed off Guide Island, Bieli,Rocks, and Crow Island.

Today's aerial survey was cancelled due to high winds. The next aerial surveys are scheduled for March 19–21. The next fishery update will be issued on Monday, March 21, 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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