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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5

The aerial survey conducted on March 21 covered Sitka Sound along the eastern Kruzof Island shoreline to Eastern Bay and north to Salisbury Sound. Survey conditions were poor with 20-knot winds, overcast skies with a low ceiling, rain, and snow. 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 concentrated in Hayward Strait; groups of sea lions were observed off Inner Point and Mountain Point.

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery will be placed on 2-hour notice effective 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2022. This means that a fishery could be expected with two hours' notice after the effective time.

The *R/V Kestrel* will be arriving the morning of March 22 and will immediately conduct a vessel survey.

The next aerial survey scheduled for March 22, weather permitting. The next fishery update will be issued on Tuesday, March 22.

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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