



Advisory Announcement

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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 1

Aerial surveys were conducted on March 22, 26, and 27 in the Revilla Channel area and March 19 and March 26 in the Craig Area.

Craig

The weather on March 19 was poor with white-out snow squalls, gusty winds, and poor visibility. Only a partial survey was conducted with little predator activity observed in the vicinity of North Fish Egg and Clam Islands. The weather on March 26 was improved with a high ceiling, calm winds, and good visibility. No herring or herring spawn was observed during this aerial survey. Predator activity remained limited, with 170 sea lions observed on the southwest side of Fish Egg Island, north of the Ballena Islands, and around the Klawock Reef. Thirty humpback whales were observed throughout the Craig/Klawock area. During today's skiff survey, whales were concentrated off the Witnesses and a large biomass of herring was observed in the waters between the Witnesses and San Christoval Channel. There are approximately 60 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced into pounds. ADF&G biologists are on the grounds in the Craig/Klawock area and will be conducting daily skiff surveys.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 17.

2022 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 19, 2022 Limited predator activity.
March 26, 2022 Increased predator activity.

Revilla Channel

The aerial survey on March 22 included Mary, Cat, Dog, and Duke islands, and the mainland shoreline from Foggy Point to Kah Shakes Cove. Small pods of sea lions were observed near Village Island, Grave Point, and the south side of Cat Island. The aerial survey on March 26 had excellent weather with mostly sunny skies and calm winds. **1.8 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed on Double Island and the north side of Dog Island. Today's aerial survey covered the Cat and Dog Island area, Mary Island, and the mainland shore from Slate Island to Foggy Point. Weather conditions were fair with clear skies and moderate northerly winds. **5.8 nmi of active spawn** was observed along the western shore of Cat, Village, and Double islands, and the northern shoreline of Dog Island.

2022 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 22, 2022 Moderate predator activity.
March 26, 2022 1.8 nmi of spawn on Dog and Double islands.
March 27, 2022 5.8 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Village islands

The next scheduled aerial survey of Revilla Channel is planned for **Monday, March 28**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

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