



Advisory Announcement

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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

An aerial survey was conducted in the Revilla Channel area and a skiff survey was conducted in the Craig area today.

Craig

A skiff survey was conducted throughout the Craig/Klawock area today. The weather has deteriorated from previous days with a low ceiling, moderate to gusty winds, rain showers, and poor visibility. Predator activity increased in the immediate vicinity of Fish Egg, Clam, and the Alberto Islands. Thirty humpback whales and 150 sea lions were observed throughout the Craig/Klawock area with the whales dispersing away from the deeper waters south of San Christoval Channel. Whales were observed north of Abbess, outside of the Alberto's, and in Craig harbor, while the sea lions were dispersed along northern Fish Egg, Clam, and the Alberto Islands. 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 until spawn is observed.

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

2022 Craig/Klawock Daily Herring Aerial Summary

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

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey covered Mary Island, and the Cat and Dog Island area. Weather conditions were poor with a low ceiling, moderate southerly winds, and poor visibility. **1.3 nautical miles (nmi) of light, active spawn** was observed along the western shore of Dog Island and the northern portion of Village Island. Predator activity has decreased in the area, but pods of sea lions remain scattered between Cat and Dog Islands.

2022 Revilla Channel Daily Herring Aerial 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.
March 28, 2022 4.0 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Village Islands.
March 29, 2022 1.3 nmi of spawn on Dog and Village Islands.

The next scheduled aerial survey of Revilla Channel is planned for **Wednesday, March 30**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

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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