



Advisory Announcement
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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 4

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 remains poor with moderate winds and choppy seas. 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. Whales and sea lions were observed in highest concentration on the west side of Fish Egg Island. 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, the Cat and Dog Island area, and the mainland shoreline from Kah Shakes Cove to Foggy Point. Weather conditions were decent with high broken overcast, moderate southerly winds, and good visibility. No active spawn was observed. 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.
March 30, 2022 No spawn. Limited predator activity.

The next scheduled aerial survey of Revilla Channel and Craig is planned for **Thursday, March 31**. 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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