



Advisory Announcement
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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 6

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

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig area from Trocadero Bay to San Christoval Channel and Portillo Channel to Point Amargura. Weather conditions were excellent with mostly sunny skies, calm winds, and excellent visibility. No herring or herring spawn was observed. Predator activity is still dispersed through the entire Craig/Klawock area with the largest concentration of both sea lions and whales between Fish Egg, Clam, and Wadleigh Islands. A large pod of sea lions was observed near Point Ildefonso and four whales were observed near Blanquizal Point. A follow up skiff survey showed large schools of herring moving through Craig Harbor and in between Clam and Wadleigh Island near Entrance Point. There are approximately 65 pound structures on the grounds. No herring have been introduced into pounds.

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.
March 31, 2022 Significant predator activity around Fish Egg and Abbess Islands and Klawock Reef.
April 4, 2022 Significant predator activity around Fish Egg, Clam, and Wadleigh Islands.

An aerial survey was also conducted in Sea Otter Sound along the northern Heceta Island shoreline from Port Alice to Camp Island. No herring or herring spawn was observed. Two humpback whales were observed just northwest of Camp Island.

Revilla Channel

Today's aerial survey covered Mary, Cat, and Dog Islands. Weather conditions were excellent with high broken clouds, no wind, and excellent visibility. No herring or herring spawn was observed. No predator activity was observed in the area. Unless the department receives new information, no further aerial surveys are planned for Revilla Channel in 2022. The cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 6.6 nautical miles (nmi). The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey on Saturday, April 9.

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.
March 31, 2022 No activity.
April 4, 2022 No activity.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for **Tuesday, April 5**. 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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