



Advisory Announcement
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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 9

An aerial survey was conducted in the Craig and West Behm Canal area today.

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the entire Craig/Klawock area from Port Saint Nicholas to Saint Phillips Island, and Portillo Channel to Point Amargura. Weather conditions were poor with numerous squalls, moderate winds, and poor visibility. 4.1 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on the eastern shore of East San Fernando Island extending south from Fern Point towards Point Cuerdo, the southwest side of Fish Egg Island, Ballandra Island, and the outside of Port Bagial extending north from Cape Suspiro towards south harbor. Predator activity is still dispersed throughout the Craig/Klawock area with the largest concentration of whales near Klawock Reef and the Alberto Reef. Herring have been introduced into three pound structures. Department personnel are standing by on the grounds and can be reached daily on VHF channel 10 and 16.

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.
April 7, 2022 0.1 nmi of spawn on East San Fernando Island.
April 8, 2022 4.1 nmi of spawn on East San Fernando, Fish Egg, and Ballandra Islands, and Port Bagial.

Revilla Channel

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.

West Behm Canal

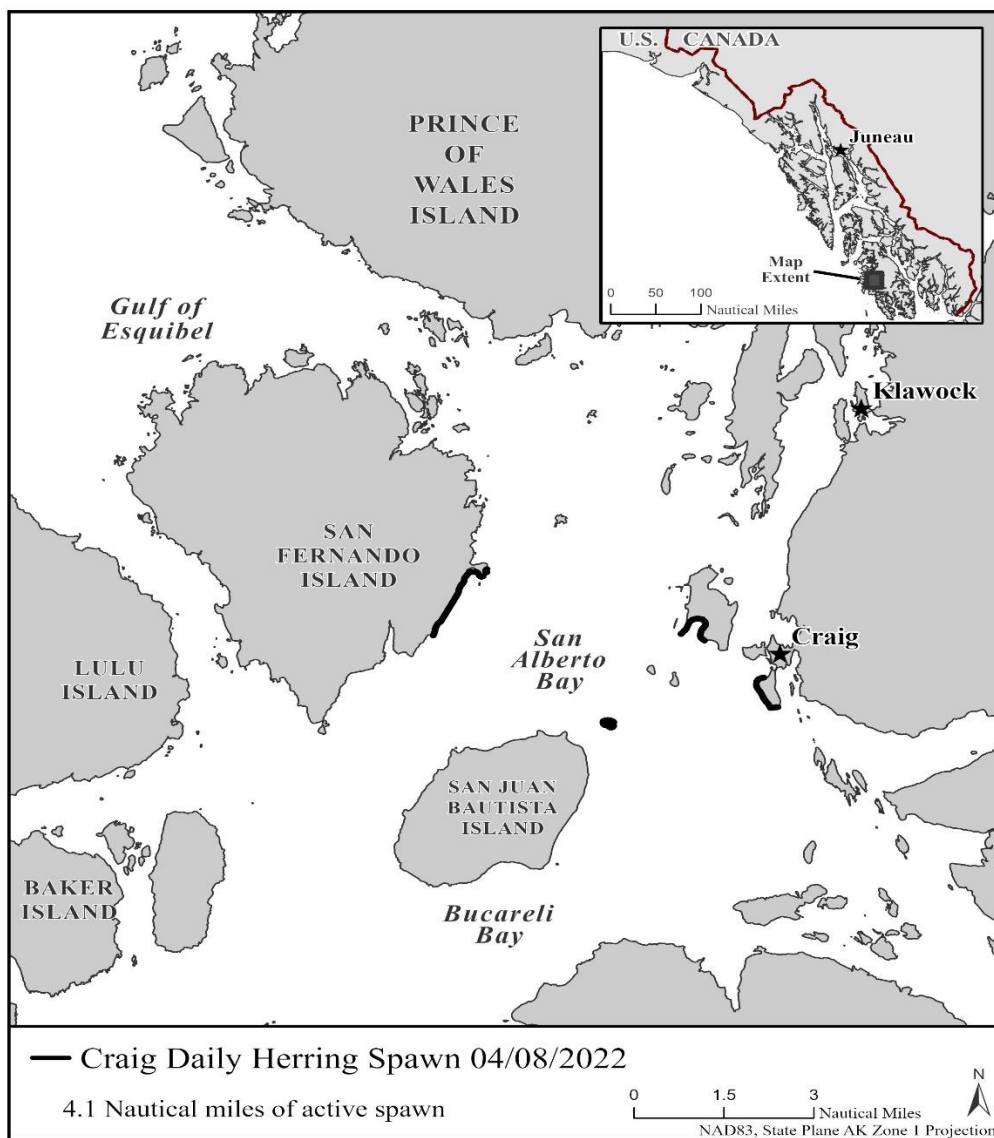
Today’s aerial survey covered the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline from Caamano Point to Point Francis over to Indian Point and through Clover Passage. Weather was poor with a low ceiling, squalls, and poor visibility. 0.4 nmi of spawn was observed at Indian Point. No other predator activity was observed.

2022 West Behm Canal Daily Herring Aerial Summary

April 7, 2022 Moderate predator activity.

April 8, 2022 0.4 nmi of spawn at Indian Point.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for **Saturday, April 9**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.



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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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