



Advisory Announcement

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2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 10

An aerial survey was conducted in the Craig and West Behm Canal area on Saturday, April 9, and today.

Craig

Saturday'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 good with mostly sunny skies, calm winds, and excellent visibility. 13.2 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on East San Fernando Island extending south from Fern Point to Point Amargura, the entire west side of Fish Egg Island, Ballandra Island, the outside of Port Bagial extending north from Cape Suspiro past the entrance to south harbor. Predator activity was still dispersed throughout the Craig/Klawock area including the pounding area near the Alberto Islands and the Blanquizar shoreline.

Today's survey again covered the entire Craig area. Weather was excellent with sunny skies and no wind. 26.0 nmi of active spawn was observed on today's survey (Figure 1). Active spawn was observed from Rosary Island to the Coronados Islands, with intense spawn on the Ballenas, Fish Egg, Ballandra, and San Juan Bautista Islands. Herring have been introduced into most of the pound structures, however, opportunity to adequately fill pound structures remains difficult due to lack of herring in the immediate pounding area. Department personnel are standing by on the grounds and can be reached daily on VHF channels 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.
April 9, 2022	13.2 nmi of spawn on East San Fernando, Port Bagial, Fish Egg, and Ballandra Island.
April 10, 2022	26.4 nmi of spawn from Rosary Island to the Coronados Islands.

Revilla Channel

The cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 6.6 nmi. The *R/V Kestrel* concluded a herring spawn deposition dive survey on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Results of the survey will be available in the fall of 2022.

West Behm Canal

Yesterday's aerial survey covered the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline from Caamano Point to Point Francis over to Indian Point and through Clover Passage. Weather was good with mostly sunny skies, light winds, and excellent visibility. 0.2 nmi

of spawn was observed near Indian Point. On today's survey, weather was again excellent. No herring or herring spawn was observed. There were still some sea lions observed near Mike Point and Point Francis.

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.
 April 9, 2022 0.2 nmi of spawn near Indian Point.
 April 10, 2022 Some predator activity near Mike Point and Pt. Francis.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for **Monday, April 11**. 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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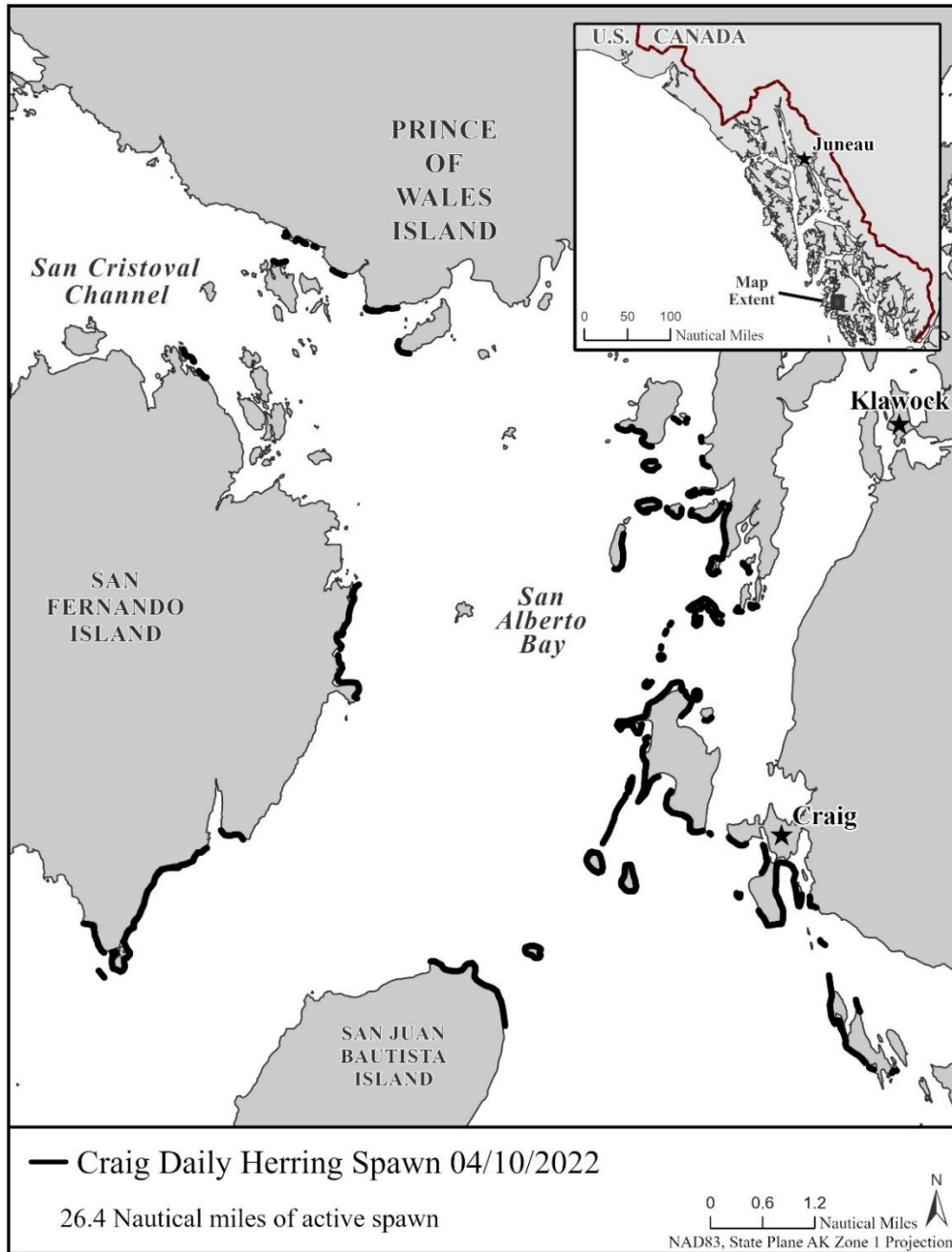


Figure 1. Map of the active herring spawn in Craig for the aerial survey on April 10, 2022.