



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2022 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 11**

An aerial survey was conducted in the Craig, Sea Otter Sound, and West Behm Canal area today.

**Craig**

Due to high winds, no aerial surveys have occurred the last two days. 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 good with mostly sunny skies, light winds, and excellent visibility. 1.6 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed on the Prince of Wales shore just north of Rosary Island extending north towards Blanquizar Point. Herring have been introduced into most of the pound structures, however, opportunity to adequately fill pound structures has been difficult due to lack of herring in the immediate pounding area. An advisory announcement was issued on Monday, April 11, extending the amount of time herring can be introduced into pound structures from four days to five days. Herring must still be released by noon on the seventh day. 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.
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.
April 13, 2022	1.6 nmi of spawn on the Prince of Wales shoreline.

An aerial survey was conducted in Sea Otter Sound. 1.3 nmi of spawn was observed along the northern shore of Heceta Island between Port Alice and Camp Island.

**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**

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 good with mostly sunny skies, light winds, and excellent visibility. No herring or herring spawn was observed. There are still sea lions near Bond Bay, 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.
- April 13, 2022 Some predator activity near Bond Bay, Mike Point, and Pt. Francis.

The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for **Thursday, April 14**. The next Ketchikan area herring fishery update will occur on Friday, April 15.

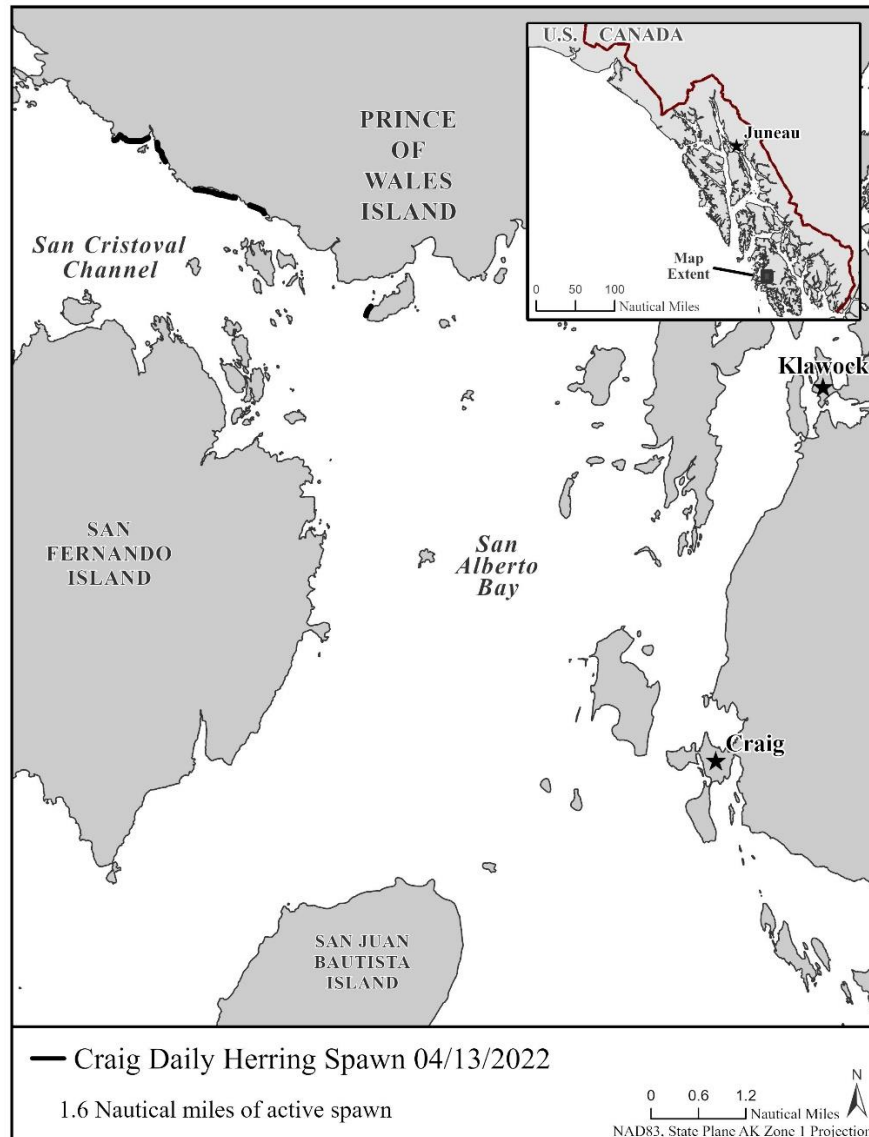


Figure 1. Map of active herring spawn in Craig for the aerial survey on April 13, 2022.

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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