



Advisory Announcement

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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 3

Craig

A skiff survey was conducted today around Abbess, Ballena, Fish Egg, and Wadleigh Islands. The weather was mixed with light to heavy winds mixed with snow squalls and clear skies. A total of 4.1 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed extending along the entire west side of Fish Egg Island from the southern tip to the northwestern spit and then beginning to wrap around the north shore of Fish Egg Island. Predator activity, including sea lions and humpback whales, were dispersed along the western shore of Fish Egg with the largest concentration of predators observed along the north shore of Fish Egg Island from the northwesternmost tip of Fish Egg Island to the inner Klawock Reef Entrance buoys. Several humpback whales were observed in the deeper waters between Fish Egg Island and the Balandra Shoal and Parida Island. There are approximately 52 pound structures in the open pounding area; no herring have been introduced.

Fisherman participating in the herring spawn-on-kelp pound fishery are encouraged to harvest their kelp blades, configure their pound structures, and monitor the open pounding area for opportunity to introduce herring into their structures.

The fishery opened for the placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. ADF&G personnel are on the grounds and can be reached on VHF Channel 10 or 16. Notice to all commercial spawn-on-kelp fisherman, the ADF&G commercial fisheries office in Craig will remain staffed during normal business hours for the remainder of the spawn-on-kelp fishery for assistance with permits, registrations, and herring updates.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Friday, March 27**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial or skiff surveys are completed for the day.

2026 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	Limited predator activity
March 25, 2026	3.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 26, 2026	4.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island

Revilla Channel

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Revilla Channel area is planned for **Friday, March 27**.

2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	No predator activity
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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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