



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 11

Craig

Today's aerial survey covered the immediate Craig/Klawock area from Port Saint Nicholas to Pt. Ildefonso, including the eastern shore of San Juan Bautista Island. Weather was overcast with the occasional rain squall, mild winds, and moderate visibility. A total of **4.8 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed in the Craig area. Light dissipating spawn was observed in Shelter Cove and the southern portion of Wadleigh Island north of Entrance Point, and the unnamed island between Abbess and the Alberto Islands. More intense spawn was observed along the outer Alberto Island and the southern portion of Abess Island. There are 69 pound structures in the open pounding area; herring have been introduced into all pounds and fishermen are actively topping off pounds. The 2026 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 3 is approximately 18.0 nmi.

The fishery opened for the placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (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 **Saturday, April 4**. 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
March 27, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 28, 2026	5.0 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 29, 2026	5.5 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 30, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island and on the reef south of the Ballena Islands
March 31, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
April 1, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Cole Island
April 2, 2026	9.2 nmi of spawn on the Alberto, Ballena, Fish Egg, POW, and Wadleigh Islands
April 3, 2026	4.8 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, Prince of Wales, and Wadleigh Islands

Revilla Channel

An aerial survey was conducted throughout the Revilla Channel area. Weather was marginal, with light winds from the southeast, fog with rain squalls, and moderate visibility. **No active spawn** was observed during the survey. Very few predators have been observed in the area throughout the spawn event.

The 2026 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 9.9 nmi. Unless the department receives new information, no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Revilla Channel area in 2026.

2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	No predator activity
March 28, 2026	Limited predator activity
March 29, 2026	0.5 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands
March 30, 2026	3.0 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands
March 31, 2026	3.2 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Duke Islands
April 1, 2026	7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, and Duke Islands
April 2, 2026	7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, Duke, and Village Islands
April 3, 2026	No spawn observed, limited predator activity

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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