



Advisory Announcement
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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 17

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Crescent Bay to Dorothy Narrows, Shoals Point to Krestof Sound, and Promisla Bay to Watson Point. Approximately 13.4 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed today near Watson Point, Kasiana Island, along the causeway, the Apple Islands, the Parker Group, from Fred's Creek to Inner Point, the Magoun Islands, from Rob Point to Kresta Point, and from Promisla Bay to Eastern Bay (Figure 1); small areas of spawn were observed in the Siginaka Islands and near Shoals Point. A cumulative total of 26.5 nmi of herring spawn has been recorded in Sitka Sound since March 30.

Department and industry vessels surveyed Sitka Sound today from Shoals Point to Salisbury Sound, from Promisla Bay to Eastern Bay, and from Silver Bay to Windy Passage. Scattered schools of herring were observed throughout the area surveyed. In most areas the herring tended to be in very shallow water adjacent to the shoreline.

No test sets or commercial fishery opening occurred today. Since March 27 approximately 6,555 tons of herring have been harvested.

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Sunday, April 5.

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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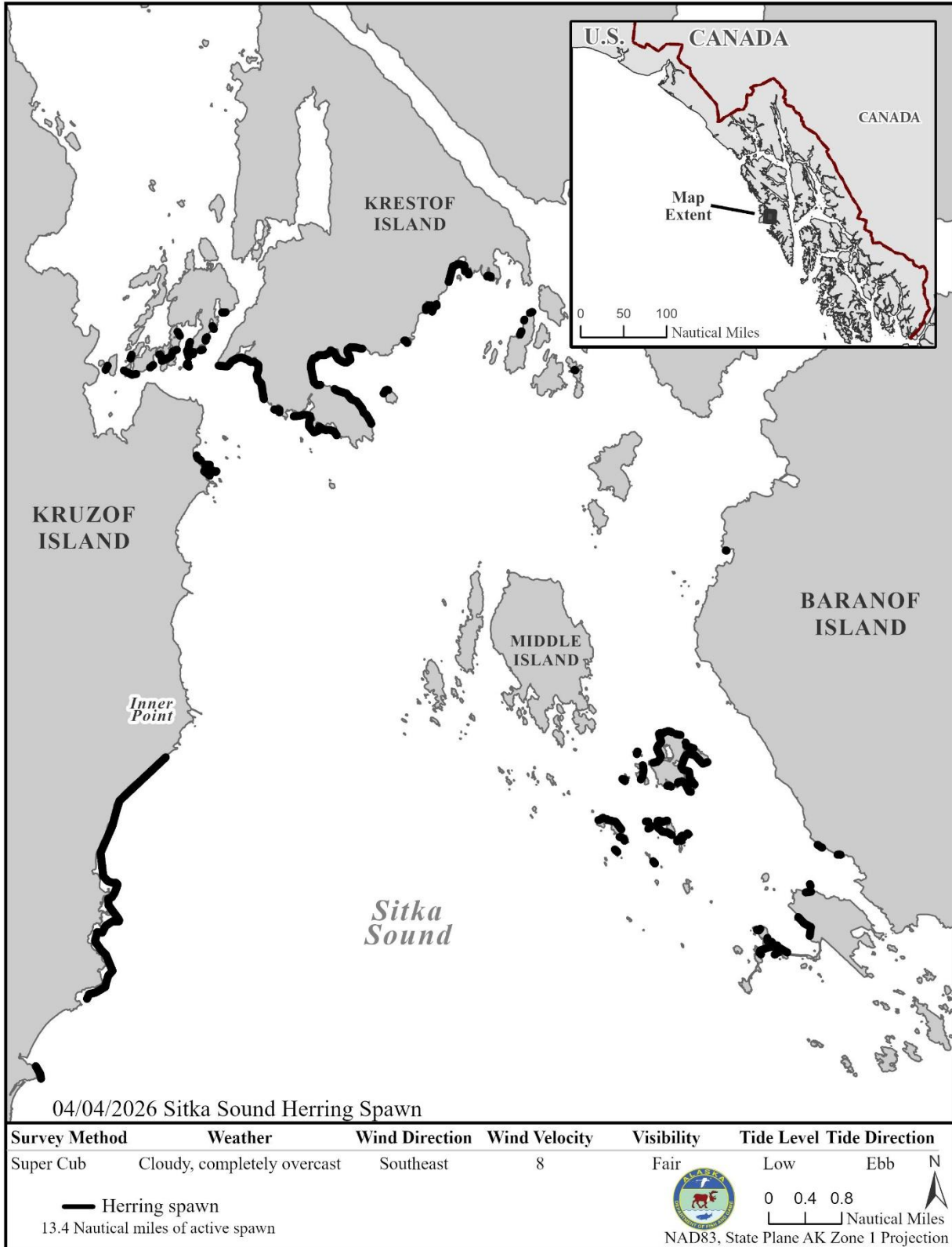


Figure 1.— Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 4, 2026.