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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 18

Today's aerial survey covered Sitka Sound from Crescent Bay to Frosty Reef, Shoals Point to Krestof Sound, and Promisla Bay to Watson Point. Approximately 6.1 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed today along the causeway, from Fred's Creek to Shoals Point, from Promisla Bay to Eastern Bay, the Siginaka Islands, from Indian River to Whale Island (Figure 1); small areas of spawn were observed on Middle Island, Kasiana Island, the Magoun Islands, and Kamenoi Point. A cumulative total of 30.2 nmi of herring spawn has been recorded in Sitka Sound since March 30.

The Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., daily, beginning on Sunday, April 5, 2026, in the waters of Deep Inlet, Aleutkina Bay, and contiguous waters south of 57°00.81' N lat and east of 135°23.16' W long, and in the waters within 3 nmi from the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of Cape Burunof at 56°59.07' N lat and north of the latitude of Cape Aspid at 56°41.14' N lat, except for the waters of Whale and Necker Bays until closed by field or advisory announcement. Since March 27 approximately 6,555 tons of herring have been harvested.

The next aerial survey and fishery update are scheduled for Monday, April 6.

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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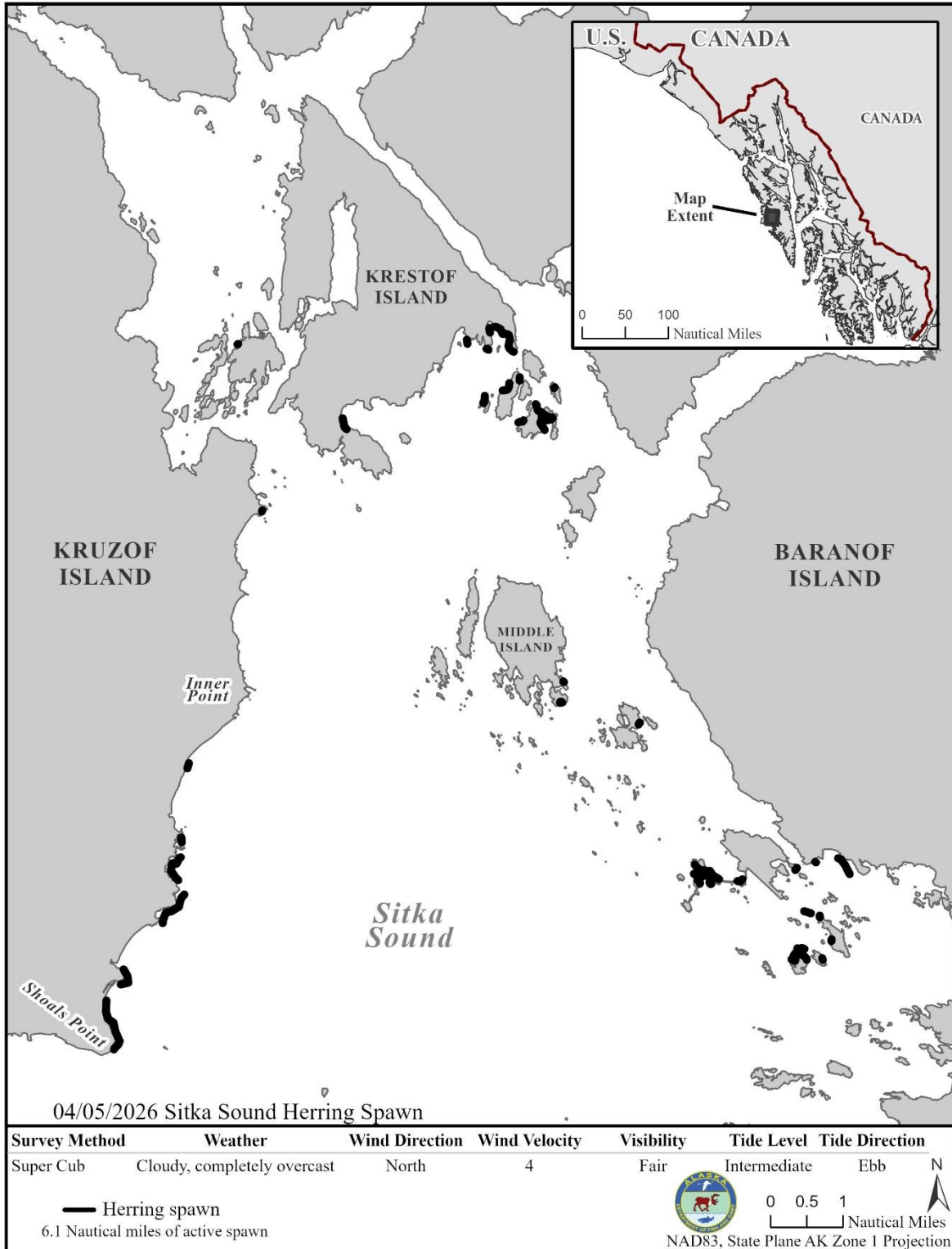


Figure 1.— Map of the active spawning areas in Sitka Sound during the aerial survey on April 5, 2026.