



Advisory Announcement

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2024 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 10

Craig

A skiff survey was conducted in the Craig area on Friday, March 29 and today, April 2. An additional 2.0 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was mapped on new shoreline that was missed during aerial surveys. The majority of the additional spawn was documented on San Juan Bautista Island. The cumulative spawn in the Craig/Klawock area is 22.8 nmi (Figure 1). Approximately 30 pound structures had herring introduced with some fisherman harvesting spawn-on-kelp product from there pound structures over the last couple days. The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area on Saturday, April 6.

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 17, 2024. A field announcement and advisory announcement were issued on Tuesday, March 26, 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. ADF&G personnel will be departing the Craig/Klawock area on Wednesday, April 3.

2024 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 19, 2024	Limited predator activity.
March 21, 2024	1.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island.
March 22, 2024	3.6 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Ballena Islands.
March 23, 2024	9.0 nmi of spawn on the POW shoreline, Ballena, and Fish Egg Islands.
March 24, 2024	12.1 nmi of spawn on POW, Ballena, Balandra, Fish Egg, and San Juan Bautista Islands.
March 25, 2024	10.1 nmi of spawn on POW, Coronados, Fish Egg, and San Juan Bautista Islands.
March 26, 2024	8.7 nmi of spawn on POW, Coronados, and Fish Egg Islands.
March 27, 2024	1.2 nmi of spawn on Albertos and San Juan Bautista Islands, and Port Baigal.
March 28, 2024	0.1 nmi of spawn on Alberto Islands.

Revilla Channel

The 2024 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 9.1 nmi. The *R/V Kestrel* is scheduled to conduct a herring spawn deposition dive survey in Revilla Channel on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Unless the department receives new information, no further herring aerial surveys or updates are scheduled for the Ketchikan area in 2024.

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:



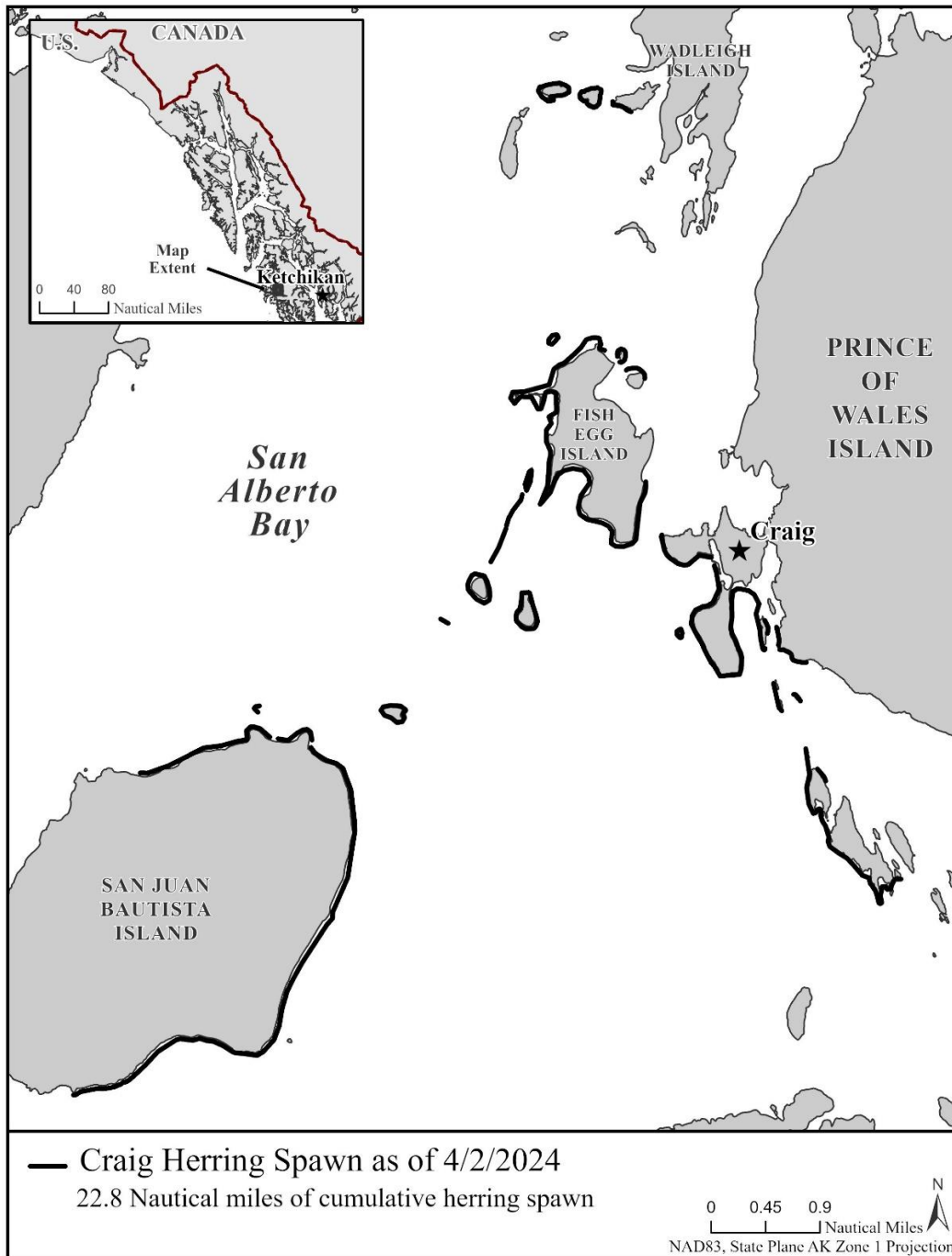


Figure 1. Cumulative herring spawn for Craig through April 2, 2024.

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