



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 6

Ketchikan . . . An aerial survey was conducted today in the Craig Area. Weather was overcast with moderate winds.

No herring spawn was observed during the aerial survey. Predator activity was dispersed throughout the area, with large concentrations of sea lions observed on the southwest side of Fish Egg Island, the Ballena Islands and Wadleigh Rock. Large schools of herring were observed on the surface near the Ballena Islands. 25 whales were observed throughout the area with the biggest concentrations off the southern tip of Fish Egg Island and near the Alberto Islands.

The Ketchikan and Craig ADF&G offices will remain open. Due to the safety measures implemented by the building operator, the Ketchikan ADF&G building is to remain locked. Please call the front office at (907) 225-5195 for Ketchikan to inform staff of your arrival. **Fishermen registering for the *Macrocystis kelp* harvest permit are encouraged to call prior to visiting an ADF&G office to help expedite the permitting process.** ADF&G staff are available on the grounds for assistance and can be reached on marine VHF channel 16 or 10.

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The next scheduled aerial survey is planned for Wednesday, April 1.

2020 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 19, 2020	Limited predator activity.
March 20, 2020	Increased predator activity and schools of herring observed near beach on SW Fish Egg Island.
March 23, 2020	Schools of herring along beach on SW Fish Egg Island. ~70 pound structures.
March 25, 2020	Spot spawn observed near Port Bagial south of Craig.
March 26, 2020	No spawn. Significant predator activity south Fish Egg Is to Port Bagial. 77 pound structures.
March 30, 2020	No spawn. Large schools of herring near Ballena Is. 6 pounds filled.

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