



Advisory Announcement

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2020 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 14

Ketchikan . . . Aerial surveys were conducted April 11 through April 13 in the Craig area. Weather was sunny with clear skies, light winds, and excellent visibility over the weekend. Weather today was overcast with light winds.

Craig

On Saturday, April 11, 19.4 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn was observed throughout the Craig area. Active spawn was observed from Blanquizal Islands to Port Bagial. On Sunday, April 12, 5.9 nmi of active spawn was observed with new areas of active spawn observed on Fern Point and northern San Juan Bautista Island. Today active spawn decreased to 0.5 nmi of active spawn observed. Today's survey was the final aerial survey the Craig area. The *R/V Kestrel* is conducting herring spawn deposition surveys in the Craig area today and tomorrow. The cumulative spawn to date is 56.0 nmi far surpassing the previous record of 31.7 miles observed in 1989.

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 Island. 6 pounds filled.
April 1, 2020	No spawn. Fisherman actively filling pounds. ~ 25 pounds filled.
April 3, 2020	0.5 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh Island. ~ 75 pounds filled.
April 4, 2020	1.2 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh and Alberto islands.
April 5, 2020	2.1 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh and Ablerto islands.
April 6, 2020	9.2 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Blanquizal, and Clam islands.
April 7, 2020	9.8 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Blanquizal, St. Philip, and Doyle Bay.
April 8, 2020	3.1 nmi of spawn observed on Wadleigh, Alberto, Abbess, Clam, and Fish Egg islands.
April 9, 2020	25.2 nmi of spawn observed from Blanquizal Point to Trocadero Bay.
April 10, 2020	29.7 nmi of spawn observed from Blanquizal Island to Doyle Bay.
April 11, 2020	19.4 nmi of spawn was observed from Blanquizal Island to Port Bagial.
April 12, 2020	5.9 nmi of spawn on the Ballena and Blanquizal islands, Port Bagial, Pt. Ildefonso, and Fern Point.
April 13, 2020	0.5 nmi of spawn was observed on Blanquizal, San Fernando, and San Juan Bautista islands.

Revilla Channel

Herring spawn was observed in Revilla Channel from March 28 to April 2, 2020. The cumulative spawn was 11.3 nmi. The department completed a herring spawn deposition survey on April 11.

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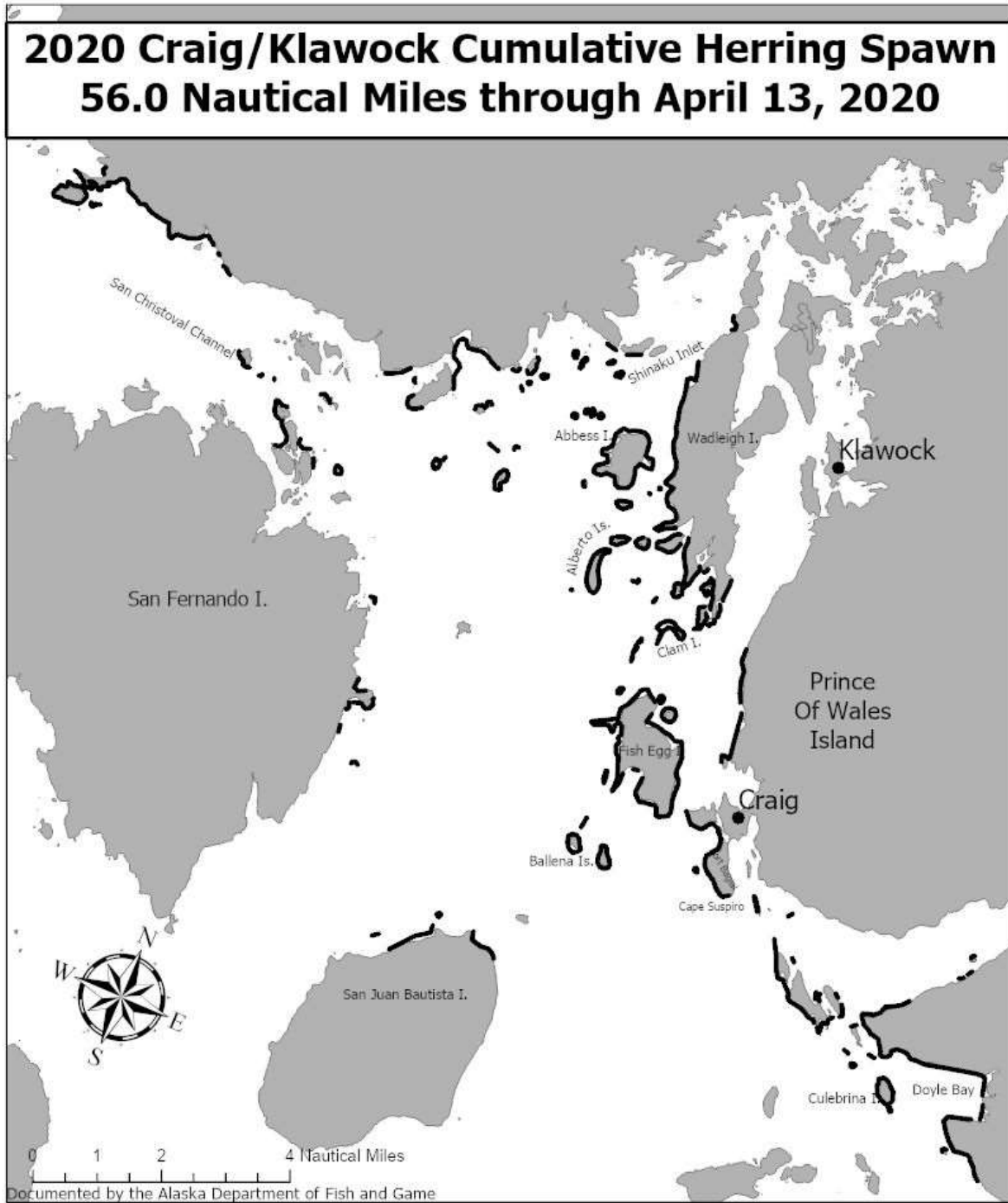
Aerial surveys were conducted April 2 through April 9, 2020. Herring spawn was observed April 2 and 3. The cumulative spawn was 1.3 nmi. The department may conduct additional aerial surveys if reports of active herring spawn are received.

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 Ketchikan staff at (907) 225-5195 to inform them of your arrival. 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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