



Advisory Announcement
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2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 15

Craig

An aerial survey was conducted in the greater Craig/Klawock area this morning from Cape Suspiro to Saint Philip Island, including the northern shore of San Juan Bautista Island. Weather was overcast with light winds and good visibility. A total of **1.8 nautical miles (nmi) of spawn** was observed along the Wadleigh Island shoreline and the northern shore of Clam Island (Figure 1). Fishers are actively harvesting or have completed harvesting their product, and pound structures are being actively removed from the area.

The 2026 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 8 is approximately 20.9 nmi (Figure 1). The *R/V Medeia* finished conducting a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area today. Results of the survey will be available in late 2026.

Notice to all commercial spawn-on-kelp fisherman, the ADF&G commercial fisheries office in Craig will no longer be staffed. If immediate assistance is required, contact the Ketchikan office at (907) 225-5195.

The next scheduled aerial survey of the Craig area is planned for **Friday, April 10**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial or skiff surveys are completed for the day.

2026 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	Limited predator activity
March 25, 2026	3.5 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 26, 2026	4.1 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 27, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
March 28, 2026	5.0 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 29, 2026	5.5 nmi of spawn on Ballena and Fish Egg Islands
March 30, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island and on the reef south of the Ballena Islands
March 31, 2026	1.9 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg Island
April 1, 2026	4.3 nmi of spawn on Fish Egg and Cole Island
April 2, 2026	9.2 nmi of spawn on the Alberto, Ballena, Fish Egg, POW, and Wadleigh Islands
April 3, 2026	4.8 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, Prince of Wales, and Wadleigh Islands
April 4, 2026	1.0 nmi of spawn on Abbess and Alberto Islands
April 5, 2026	0.4 nmi of spawn on Abbess Island
April 8, 2026	2.0 nmi of spawn on Abbess, Alberto, Clam, and Wadleigh Islands, and Wadleigh Rock
April 9, 2026	1.8 nmi of spawn on Clam and Wadleigh Islands.

Revilla Channel

The 2026 cumulative herring spawn observed in state waters in Revilla Channel is 10.1 nmi.

2026 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 20, 2026	No predator activity
March 28, 2026	Limited predator activity
March 29, 2026	0.5 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands
March 30, 2026	3.0 nmi of spawn on Cat and Double Islands
March 31, 2026	3.2 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, and Duke Islands
April 1, 2026	7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, and Duke Islands
April 2, 2026	7.9 nmi of spawn on Cat, Dog, Double, Duck, Duke, and Village Islands
April 3, 2026	No spawn observed, limited predator activity
April 6, 2026	Spot spawn on Dog Island

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:



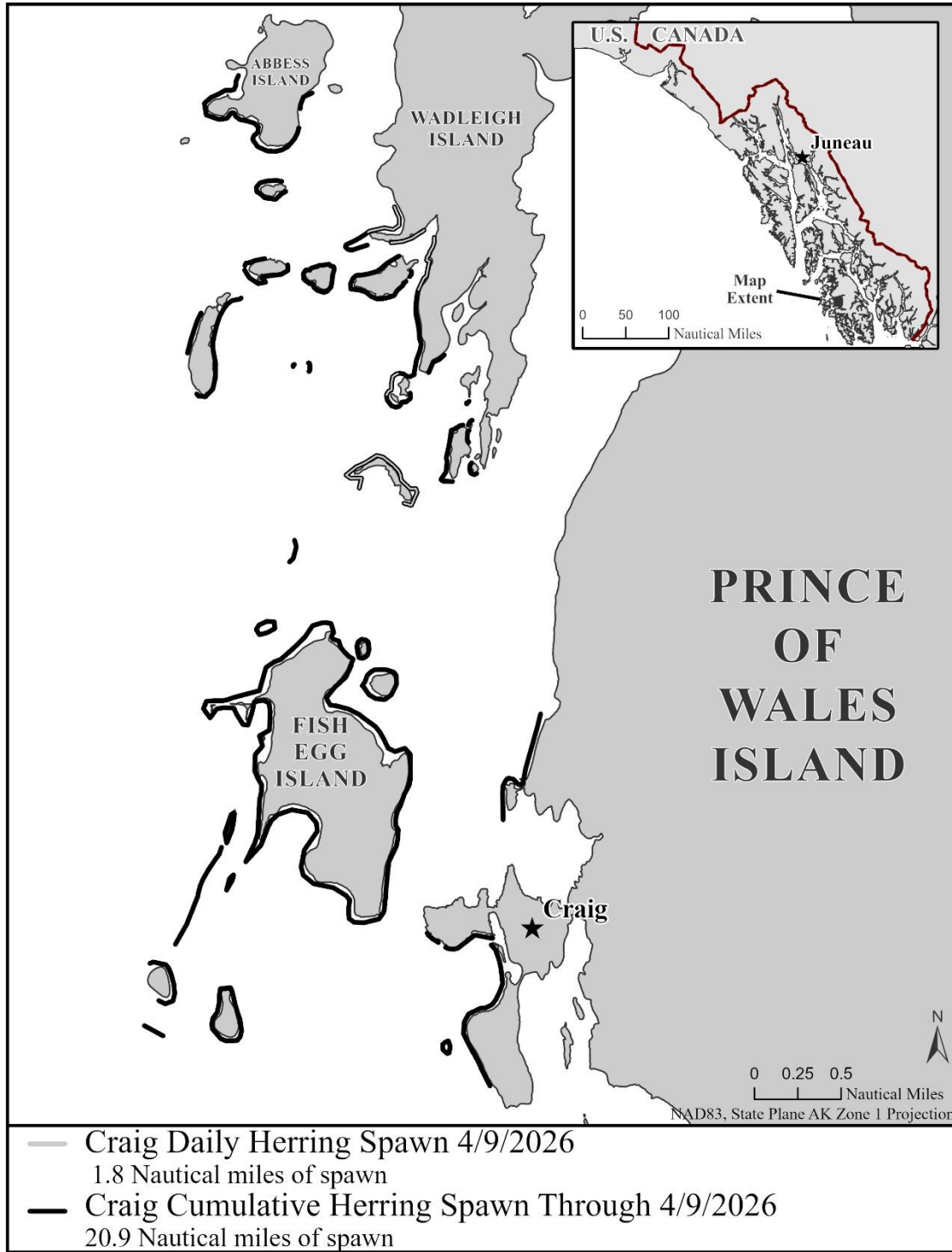


Figure 1. The 2026 cumulative herring spawn in Craig through April 9, 2026, and daily herring spawn for April 9, 2026.

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