



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**2026 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 14**

**Craig**

An aerial survey was conducted in Craig this morning covering Fish Egg, Wadleigh, Alberto, and Abbess Islands. Weather was overcast with light winds and good visibility. A total of **2.0 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn** was observed along the southern Abbess Island shoreline, the inner two Alberto Islands, Clam Island, Wadleigh Rock, and south Wadleigh Island (Figure 1). The large pod of approximately 150 sea lions has moved north into the pounding area. There are 69 pound structures in the open pounding area; herring have been introduced into all pounds and fishermen are harvesting product.

The 2026 cumulative spawn total in the Craig/Klawock area through April 8 is approximately 19.3 nmi (Figure 1). The *R/V Medeia* is currently conducting a herring spawn deposition dive survey in the Craig/Klawock area.

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 **Thursday, April 9**. 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

**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 north shoreline of 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=commercialbyareaseast.herring#maps> or scan:



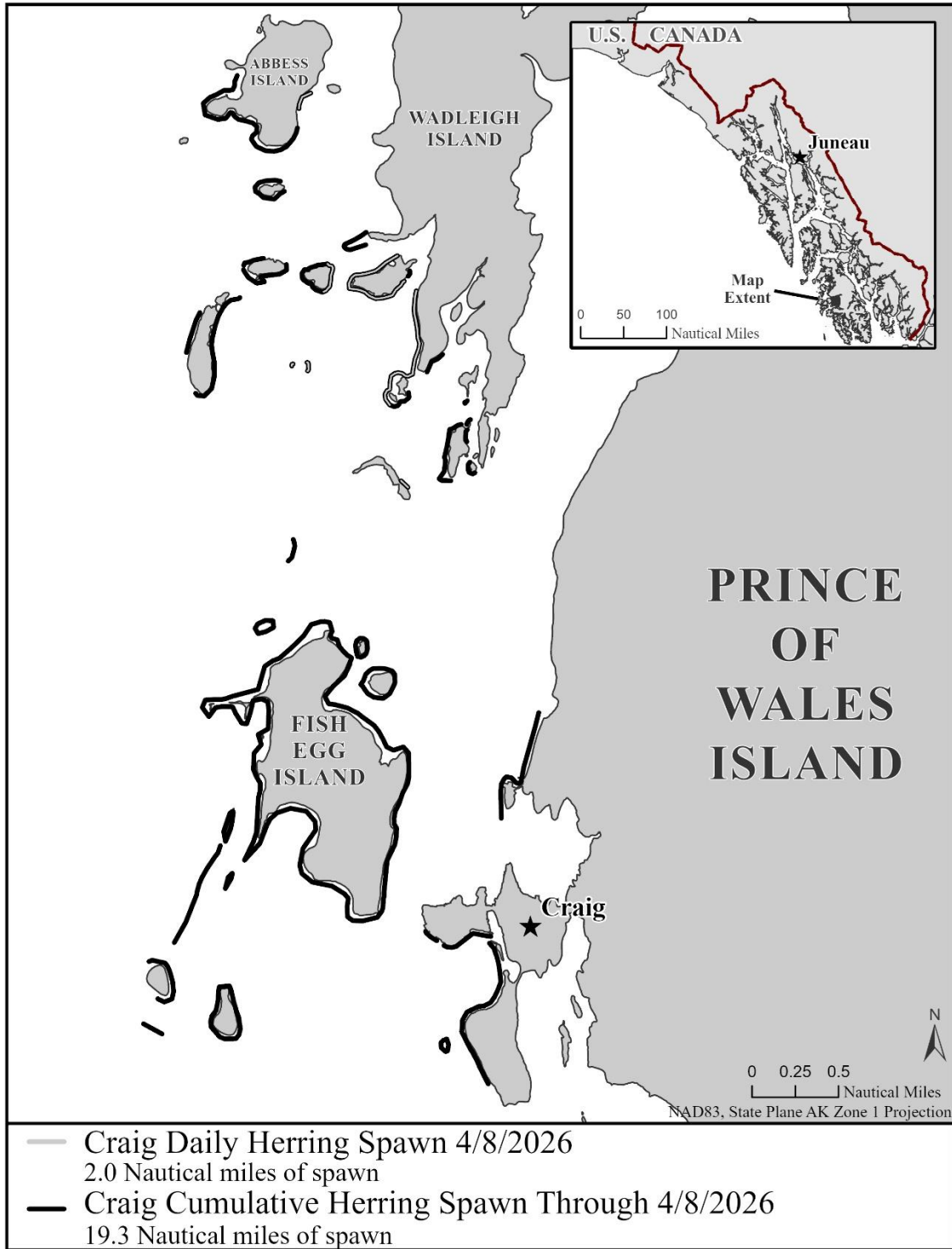


Figure 1. The 2026 cumulative herring spawn in Craig through April 8, 2026, and daily herring spawn for April 8, 2026.

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