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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #10

The department conducted aerial surveys of Seymour Canal May 6 and 7, and lower Lynn Canal May 7. Survey conditions were excellent with calm to light winds and sunny skies.

**Seymour Canal:** On May 6, approximately 0.8 nautical miles (nm) of active spawn was observed, mostly on the Admiralty shore south of Pleasant Bay, and on May 7, approximately 0.1 nm was observed in the same location. Small schools of herring were observed adjacent to the spawn on both days. The cumulative amount of documented spawn is currently 4.8 nautical miles.

**Lynn Canal:** No spawn was observed May 7. One good sized school of herring was observed inside Statter Harbor in Auke Bay, several schools of herring were observed in the vicinity of the Auke Bay ferry terminal, one school in Indian Cove, and numerous schools were observed in north Tee Harbor and scattered along the Breadline north to the Shrine of St. Therese.

#### **2014 Juneau Area Survey Summary**

##### **Seymour Canal**

April 14: No herring activity; 49 sea lions, 1 whale.  
April 18: No herring activity; 77 sea lions, 5 whales.  
April 22: No herring activity; 88 sea lions, 1 whale.  
April 25: No herring activity; 166 sea lions, 9 whales.  
April 27: 3 small schools of herring near Pt. Hugh Light; 215 sea lions, 7 whales.  
April 28: 2 small schools of herring near Sorethumb Cove; 241 sea lions, 9 whales.  
April 29: No herring activity; 83 sea lions, one whale.  
April 30: **0.7 nm spawn**; no herring schools; 128 sea lions, 7 whales.  
May 1: **1.3 nm spawn**; 120 sea lions, 6 whales.  
May 3: **0.3 nm spawn**; scattered predators.  
May 4: spot spawns; scattered predators  
May 5: **0.8 nm spawn**, three small herring schools; 144 sea lions, 1 whale.  
May 6: **0.8 nm spawn**, several small schools of herring; scattered predators.  
May 7: **0.1 nm spawn**, several small schools of herring; scattered predators.

**Tenakee Inlet**

April 14: No herring activity; 75 sea lions, 5 whales.  
 April 18: No herring activity; 63 sea lions, no whales.  
 April 22: No herring activity; 28 sea lions, no whales.  
 April 25: No herring activity; 69 sea lions, 6 whales.  
 April 27: Numerous schools of herring between Strawberry Island and Crab Bay; 46 sea lions, 2 whales.  
 April 28: Two spot spawns and one school of herring on east Kadashan; 62 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 April 29: **2.0 nm spawn**, no herring schools; 62 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 April 30: **0.25 nm spawn**, no herring schools; 34 sea lions, no whales.  
 May 1: Spot spawn, no herring schools.  
 May 3: No herring activity.  
 May 5: No herring activity; 7 sea lions, no whales.

**Lynn Canal**

April 14: No herring activity; 85 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 April 18: No herring activity; 61 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 April 22: No herring activity; 91 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 April 25: No herring activity; 115 sea lions, 7 whales.  
 April 28: **0.7 nm spawn**, school of herring in Bridget Cove; 218 sea lions, 7 whales.  
 April 29: **2.0 nm spawn** in Berners Bay, no herring schools; 110 sea lions, 2 whales.  
 April 30: **1.0 nm spawn** in Berners Bay, herring schools in Indian Cove; 144 sea lions, no whales.  
 May 1: **0.9 nm spawn**; 132 sea lions, 1 whale.  
 May 2: No herring activity.  
 May 5: Herring schools outside Tee Harbor and inside Auke Bay; 32 sea lions, 3 whales.  
 May 7: Numerous schools of herring in Auke Bay, Tee Harbor, and along the Breadline.

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