

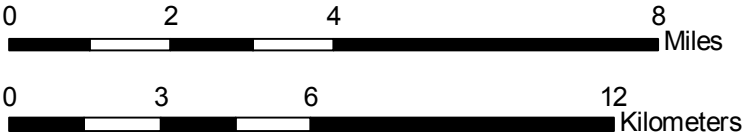
Island County Forage Fish

Spawn Data

- Spawn Site
- No Spawn Found
- Herring Holding Areas
- Herring Spawning Areas

Habitat Suitability

- Very High (56 - 95)
- High (31 - 55)
- Moderate (11 - 30)
- Low (-14 to -10)
- Very Low (-55 to -15)



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The Forage Fish Habitat Suitability Index provides an estimate of the suitability of a given site for forage fish spawning. The estimate is based on the quality of functional habitat and the degree of shoreline modification at that site. An index score of 30 or higher is very likely to support spawning habitat (Anchor 2001).

The forage fish spawn sample site data for Island County are WDFW data from 1972 to 2008.

Maps created for NW Straits from Anchor and WDFW data Nov 2008 by Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (SShull).