SEINE FISHERIES: All Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will be closed on Wednesday, August 14. A broad area fishing opportunity is anticipated for Thursday, August 15, with time and area to be announced on Wednesday, August 14. It is estimated that 4.1 million pink salmon were harvested in PWS on August 12. The cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest through August 12 is estimated at 18.00 million CPF and 3.2 million cost recovery fish, for a total of 21.2 million fish. The 5-year odd-year average (2009–2017) cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest (cost recovery and CPF fish) through August 12 is 43 million fish.

PWSAC recommends the AFK, CCH, and WNH SHAs, THAs, and corresponding hatchery subdistricts, remain closed in order to build broodstock.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Tuesday, July 30, and has collected approximately 97% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through Tuesday, August 13. PWSAC currently estimates there are approximately 80,000–100,000 pink salmon within the AFK SHA and needs approximately 350,000 pink salmon for broodstock; 50,000–70,000 pink salmon within the CCH SHA and needs approximately 360,000 pink salmon for broodstock; 115,000–140,000 pink salmon within the WNH SHA and needs approximately 300,000 pink salmon for broodstock.

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, 2019–2021 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound, are available in the Cordova ADFG office.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 14.

Announcement recordings are available for gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address: cwrussell http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.
The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.