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COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: Copper River District is anticipated to remain closed through Sunday, August 25.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: Bering River District is anticipated to remain closed through Sunday, August 25.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: The Eshamy District, excluding waters south the latitude of Loomis Creek (60° 29.44'N.) will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a **24-hour** period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, August 22. The AGZ will open to **SET GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 24-hour period that started on Monday, August 19 was 250 sockeye and 21,800 pink salmon with 26 deliveries reported.

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 seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24.

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:
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.