COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The 2019 commercial salmon fishing season in the Copper River District is closed effective 3:00 pm, Wednesday, October 2. The fishing season is closed due to survey counts remaining below weekly escapement targets. For the week ending September 28, the Copper River Delta survey count was 20,620 coho salmon versus an anticipated range of 15,542 – 32,540.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The 2019 commercial salmon fishing season in the Bering River District is closed effective 3:00 pm, Wednesday, October 2. The fishery is closed due to survey counts remaining below weekly escapement targets. For the week ending September 28, the Bering River District survey count was 7,180 coho salmon versus an anticipated range of 4,199 – 10,659.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The 2019 commercial salmon fishing season in the Coghill District will close effective 8:00 pm, Wednesday, October 2.

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

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.