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Prince William Sound Area Scallop Season Closure Emergency Order # 2-SF-E-07-20

The Prince William Sound Area (PWS), Registration Area E, commercial weathervane scallop fishery **will remain closed** for the 2020/21 season.

East Kayak Subsection (EKS) has been closed since 2012. West Kayak Subsection (WKS) was open for the 2018/19 season; however, fishery performance was poor with a decline in CPUE of over 20% from the previous season. ADF&G surveys were conducted in EKS in 2018 and WKS in 2019. Scallop abundance in EKS was at its lowest level in the history of the survey and abundance in WKS declined steeply since the prior survey in 2016.

COVID-19

Under Alaska Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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