



## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #46**

**SEINE FISHERIES:** A broad area fishing opportunity within Prince William Sound is expected for **Tuesday, August 11, with time and area to be announced at 2:00 pm on Monday, August 10.** An estimated 775,000 pink salmon were harvested in PWS on Saturday, August 8. The cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest through August 8 is estimated at 12.5 million CPF and 2.5 million cost recovery fish, for a total of 15.0 million fish. The 5-year even-year average (2010–2018) cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest (cost recovery and CPF fish) through August 8 is 26.0 million fish.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Friday, July 24, and has collected approximately 89% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through Friday, August 7. Sampling of cost recovery pink salmon harvest from Friday, August 7 resulted in an average weight of 3.3 pounds per fish and 53% female at WNH and an average weight of 3.32 pounds per fish and 29% female at CCH. The anticipated female ratio on August 7 at WNH is 35% and at CCH is 27%. PWSAC discontinued cost recovery harvests at AFK on August 4 to build broodstock due to poor run entry and advanced female ratio for the date. Broodstock collection is also underway at WNH due to the advanced female ratio. Cost recovery is currently underway and is expected to be completed by Monday, August 10.

VFDA reports adequate broodstock escapement at SGH and has recommended a continued closure of Port Valdez at this time. Egg takes are currently underway at SGH and VFDA has completed approximately 12% of their pink salmon egg-take goal through August 6.

**In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

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

**Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17 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/>.**

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Monday, August 10.**

**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.