



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

**SEINE FISHERIES:** VFDA is recommending a commercial fishing period in portions of Valdez Arm to target SGH pink salmon. Time and area for future commercial fishing periods targeting VFDA pink salmon will be based on continued run entry and broodstock needs.

PWSAC will begin their cost recovery sales program on Monday, July 26.

Aerial surveys of all districts are expected to be conducted next week to assess the strength of wild stock returns throughout PWS. Time and area for future commercial fishing periods targeting wild stocks will be dependent upon escapement, harvest, and effort.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods ending July 25 are as follows:

- **Eastern District:** 1.14 million pink salmon with 114 deliveries reported.
- **Northern District:** 725,000 pink salmon with 69 deliveries reported.
- **Coghill District:** 231,000 pink salmon with 44 deliveries reported.
- **Northwestern District:** 113,000 pink salmon with 13 deliveries reported.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District, **north of a latitude of 60° 54.00' N.** will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, July 26. **Waters of the Port of Valdez, north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will be closed during this period.**

**Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to ensure escapement:**

- (1) **Galena Bay:** waters east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long.;
- (2) **Jack Bay:** waters south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (3) **Sawmill Bay:** north of a line from a marker on shore at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.;

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of Port Wells and College Fiord, **north of 60° 55.81' N., and east of a line from Pakenham Point (61° 00.45' N., 148° 04.85' W.) to 60° 55.81' N., 148° 10.92' W.,** will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for two 14-hour periods, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on

**Monday, July 26 and Tuesday, July 27.** Waters of the Esther, Granite Bay, and Bettles Bay Subdistricts, and waters of the WNH SHA and THA will be closed for these periods. Regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B)), will not be in effect for this fishing period. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed or channel of the Coghill River at any stage of the tide.

**The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 26.**

**The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28.**

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.