



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #51

SEINE FISHERIES:

VFDA brood survey for today, July 29th, found approximately 100,000-125,000 pinks in the SHA. Additional brood stock, estimated to be 250,000-350,000 pinks, were recently observed within the Alyeska Security Zone. A VFDA survey of the lower port found minimal additional run entry into Port Valdez. VFDA will continue to monitor brood recruitment and assess for opportunity to provide additional common property fisheries on VFDA pink salmon.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Tuesday, July 27, and has collected approximately 6% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Cost recovery fishing continues today at WNH, AFK and CCH.

An aerial survey of the Eastern and Northern District was conducted on July 27. Pink salmon are within or above anticipated numbers for this date, but chum salmon numbers are below anticipated. Aerial surveys of the remaining districts are expected to be conducted today and throughout the weekend. Future fishing opportunities targeting wild stocks will be dependent on aerial assessment data, harvest, and effort.

Preliminary harvest estimates from July 28 are as follows:

- **Eastern District:** 515,300 pink salmon with 50 deliveries reported.
- **Northern District:** 300,700 pink salmon with 25 deliveries reported.
- **Coghill District:** 67,900 pink salmon with 20 deliveries reported.
- **Northwestern District:** 87,500 pink salmon with 4 deliveries reported.
- **Southwestern District:** 378,200 pink salmon with 31 deliveries reported.
- **Montague District:** 282,600 pink salmon with 19 deliveries reported.
- **Southeastern District:** 38,200 pink salmon with 4 deliveries reported.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 30. **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.;
- (4) **Port Fidalgo Subdistrict:** waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **excluding waters of the Perry Island Subdistrict, Cannery Creek Subdistrict, and CCH SHA and THA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 30.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 30.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4.

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.