



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #58

SEINE FISHERIES: Most of Prince William Sound purse seine districts will be closed on Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8. It is anticipated that there will be a broad area opener in portions of PWS on Monday, August 9, with time and area specifics to be announced on Sunday, August 8.

VFDA estimates that 350,000- 400,000 pink salmon are at the hatchery and schools of fish have been observed around the Port. Egg take is scheduled to begin Monday, August 9. Future opportunities targeting VFDA pink salmon will be dependent on run entry and broodstock acquisition.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Monday, July 26, and has collected approximately 28% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Run entry at all PWSAC facilities has slightly increased in recent days but remains behind anticipated levels for this date. The most recent female percentages are as follows: 26% at WNH from fish harvested on August 2, 24% at AFK from fish harvested on August 4, and 12% from fish harvested on July 31. Cost recovery fishing at WNH, CCH, and AFK continues today.

Preliminary harvest from the fishing period on August 5, are as follows:

- Eastern District: 332,615 pink salmon with 101 deliveries reported.

Recent preliminary contribution estimates, are as follows:

- Montague District on July 28: 19% SGH, 6% WNH, 4% CCH, 1 AFK%, and 70% wild.
- Northwestern District on July 28: 5% WNH and 95% wild.
- Southwestern District on July 28: 18% WNH, 17% AFK, 15% SGH, 5% CCH, and 46% wild.

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 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, August 7, and Sunday, August 8. 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. Sunday, August 8.
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 11.

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.