



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #68**

**SEINE FISHERIES:** This announcement provides time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity on Wednesday, August 18.

VFDA egg-take is underway and is 38% complete. PWSAC reports good run entry at WNH and minimal run entry at AFK and CCH. Future fishing opportunities targeting PWSAC enhanced pink salmon will be contingent on run entry and broodstock acquisition.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing period occurring on August 15 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 321,654 pink salmon with 29 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 1,143,984 pink salmon with 94 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 884,193 pink salmon with 109 deliveries reported.
- Southwestern District: 938,185 pink salmon with 69 deliveries reported.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing period occurring on August 16 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 60,484 pink salmon with 6 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 433,400 pink salmon with 42 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 5,694 pink salmon with 11 deliveries reported.
- Southwestern District: 1,129,478 pink salmon with 91 deliveries reported.
- Montague District: 719,125 pink salmon with 52 deliveries reported.

Recent preliminary contribution estimates are as follows:

- Eastern District on August 10: 13% SGH, 5% CCH, 2% WNH, and 81% wild.
- Eastern District on August 12: 11% SGH, 5% CCH, 2% WNH, and 81% wild.
- Northern District on August 13: 9% SGH, 41% CCH, 30% WHN, 5% AFK, and 16% wild.

**Unless otherwise specified all regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures are in effect.**

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District, south of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 18.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, **excluding waters of the Perry Island and Cannery Creek Subdistricts, and waters of the CCH THA and SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 18.

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding waters of the WNH SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 18. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Granite Bay Subdistrict will not be in effect for this period.**

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, Wednesday, August 18.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, Wednesday, August 18.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 18.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, **excluding waters of the Point Elrington and San Juan Subdistricts and waters of the AFK THA and SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 18.

**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 seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 18.**

**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.