



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #70

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement provides time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity on Friday, August 20.

VFDA expects to be approximately 47% complete with their 270 million egg-take goal after today. PWSAC reports decent run entry at WNH and CCH. To evaluate run entry into AFK, PWSAC has recommended an area adjustment in the Southwestern District. Future fishing opportunities targeting PWSAC enhanced pink salmon will be contingent on run entry and broodstock acquisition.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods occurring on August 18 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 182,978 pink salmon with 20 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 373,809 pink salmon with 37 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 701,506 pink salmon with 132 deliveries reported.
- Southwestern District: 1,137,187 pink salmon with 92 deliveries reported.
- Montague District: 549,863 pink salmon with 44 deliveries reported.

Recent preliminary contribution estimates are as follows:

- Eastern District on August 13: 2% SGH, 5% CCH, 2% WNH, and 91% wild.
- Eastern District on August 15: 3% SGH, 12% CCH, 63% WNH, and 22% wild.
- Northern District on August 12: 2% SGH, 9% CCH, 6% WNH, and 82% wild.
- Southwestern District on August 16: 8% SGH, 18% CCH, 27% WNH, 15% AFK, and 32% wild.
- Southeastern on August 12: 100% 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 Friday, August 20.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **excluding waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistrict, 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 Friday, August 20. **Anadromous stream closures within Hidden Bay will not be in effect during this fishing period.**

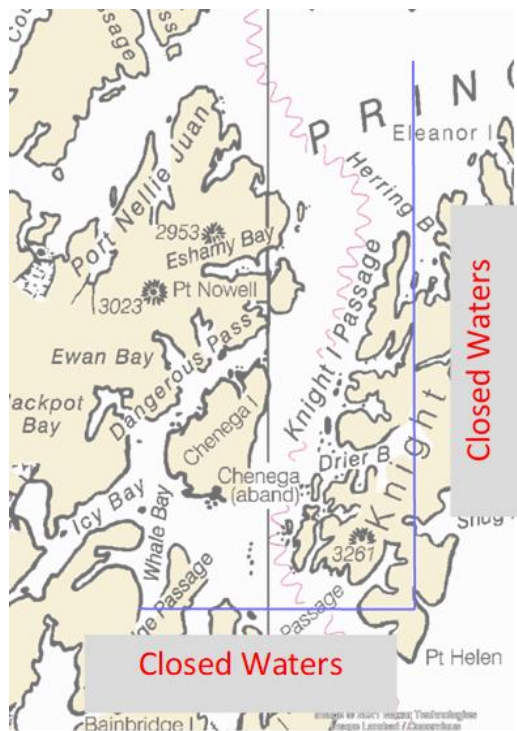
COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding waters of the WNH SHA and waters of the THA in Lake Bay**, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 20. **Waters of the THA east of the longitude of 148° 03.60' W (Quillian Bay) will be open during this fishing period.** 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, Friday, August 20.

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 Friday, August 20.

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 Friday, August 20.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, **north of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N., and west of the longitude of 147° 46.27' W**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 20.



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. Saturday, August 21.
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 25.

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.