



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #72

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement provides time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity on Sunday, August 22. Run entry into CCH and AFK has slightly improved, however broodstock estimates remain below their respective goals. Area adjustments in the Southwestern and Northern Districts will remain in place until broodstock goals are met.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods occurring on August 20 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 143,715 pink salmon with 20 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 745,751 pink salmon with 63 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 547,870 pink salmon with 123 deliveries reported.
- Northwestern District: 26,153 pink salmon with 4 deliveries reported.
- Southwestern District: 267,631 pink salmon with 25 deliveries reported.
- Montague District: 676,090 pink salmon with 59 deliveries reported.

Recent preliminary contribution estimates are as follows:

- Northern District on August 13: 7% SGH, 55% CCH, 20% WNH, and 15% wild.
- Northern District on August 16: 14% SGH, 61% CCH, 5% WNH, and 20% wild.
- Northern District on August 18: 81% CCH, 2% WNH, 2% AFK, and 15% wild.
- Montague District on August 10: 3% SGH, 7% CCH, 8% WNH, 13% AFK, and 69% wild.
- Montague District on August 12: 4% SGH, 16% CCH, 14% WNH, 5% AFK, and 61% wild.
- Montague District on August 18: 19% CCH, 13% WNH, 8% AFK, and 60% wild.
- Southwestern District on August 13: 2% SGH, 11% CCH, 17% WNH, 32% AFK, and 39% wild.

Aerial surveys of the Southwestern, Montague, and Southeastern Districts are scheduled to occur tomorrow, Sunday, August 22.

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 Sunday, August 22. **To support everyday fishing in the Eastern District, the Port Fidalgo SHTF marker will be used to protect late season wild chum salmon run entry.**

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

(1) Port Fidalgo Subdistrict: waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **east of the longitude of 147° 23.00' W. and waters of the Perry Island Subdistrict,** will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, Sunday, August 22.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding waters of the WNH SHA and THA,** will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 22. 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, Sunday, August 22.

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 Sunday, August 22.

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 Sunday, August 22.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, **east of the longitude of Point Helen (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 Sunday, August 22.

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. Sunday, August 22.

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.