



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #77

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement provides time and area specifics for multiple broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunities on Friday (8/27), Saturday (8/28), Sunday (8/29), and Monday (8/30). **Please be advised that, dependent on future evaluations of broodstock, area in hatchery subdistricts may be adjusted via an unscheduled announcement.**

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods occurring on August 23 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 66,525 pink salmon with 8 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 143,780 pink salmon with 22 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 143,283 pink salmon with 54 reported deliveries.
- Southwestern District: 985,550 pink salmon with 87 reported deliveries.
- Montague District: 42,952 pink salmon with 9 reported deliveries.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods occurring on August 24 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 18,410 pink salmon with 5 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 98,076 pink salmon with 13 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 129,328 pink salmon with 33 reported deliveries.
- Southwestern District: 531,872 pink salmon with 76 reported deliveries.

Preliminary harvest estimates from fishing periods occurring on August 25 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 14,755 pink salmon with 4 reported deliveries.
- Northern District: 204,308 pink salmon with 25 reported deliveries.
- Coghill District: 80,160 pink salmon with 25 reported deliveries.
- Southwestern District: 389,588 pink salmon with 80 reported deliveries.
- Montague District: 24,782 pink salmon with 4 reported deliveries.

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 four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30.

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

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

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **excluding waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistrict north of the latitude of 60° 53.90' N. and CCH THA and SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30.

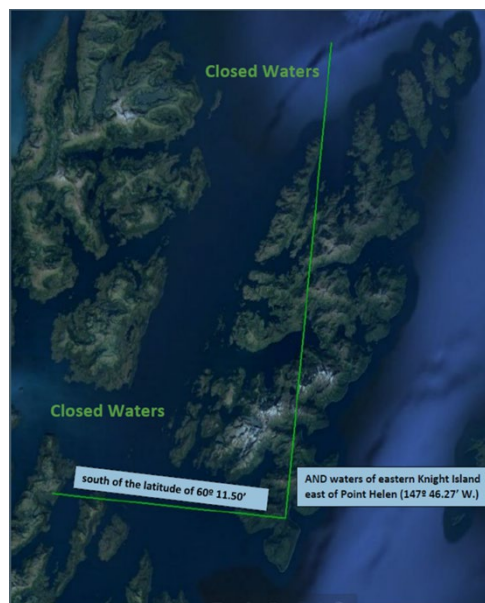
COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding waters of the WNH SHA and THA**, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30. **Regulatory 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 four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N and east of Point Helen (147° 46.27' W.), **excluding waters of the San Juan Subdistrict and waters of the AFK THA and SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for four 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 27, Saturday, August 28, Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30. **Anadromous stream closures within the Port Elrington Subdistrict will not be in effect during this fishing period.**



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. Monday, August 30. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 1.

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.