



Advisory Announcement

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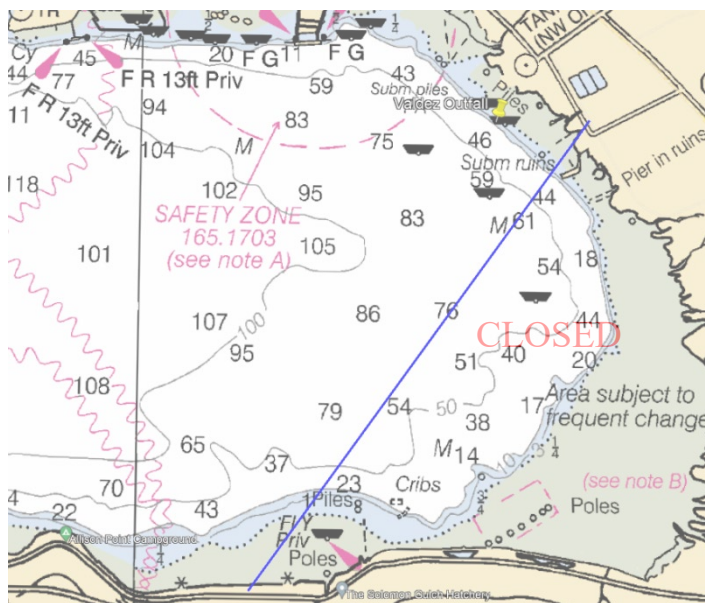
Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #80

SEINE FISHERIES: Fishing effort has declined in recent days, fishermen are encouraged to confirm their market prior to fishing. This announcement provides time and area specifics for multiple 12-hour, broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunities from Saturday (9/4), through Wednesday (9/8). VFDA has recommended a coho port clean-up occurring on Tuesday of next week.

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 five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

Waters of Port Valdez, north of a line from Entrance Point to Potato Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 7. Waters of Port Valdez east of a diagonal line from 146° 19.00'W., 61° 5.00' N', to 146° 16.00'W., 61° 7.00' N', will be **CLOSED** to commercial fishing during this period.



Waters within 200 yards of the AMHS Valdez Ferry Terminal are closed to commercial fishing when the ferry is arriving and departing. All waters of the Valdez small boat harbor and within 50 yards of the entrance to the harbor are closed to commercial fishing. Waters within the Alyeska Marine Terminal (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) Security Zone are closed to commercial fishing. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period.**

****The City of Valdez has requested that purse seiners be advised that there is an underwater outfall pipe located at 61° 6.982'N, 146° 16.844'W.**

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 five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

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 five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Granite Bay Subdistrict will not be in effect for these per.**

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, **excluding waters of the Port Elrington and San Juan Subdistricts and waters of the AFK THA and SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for five 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, September 4, Sunday, September 5, Monday, September 6, Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8.

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 fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 8.

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.