



## Advisory Announcement

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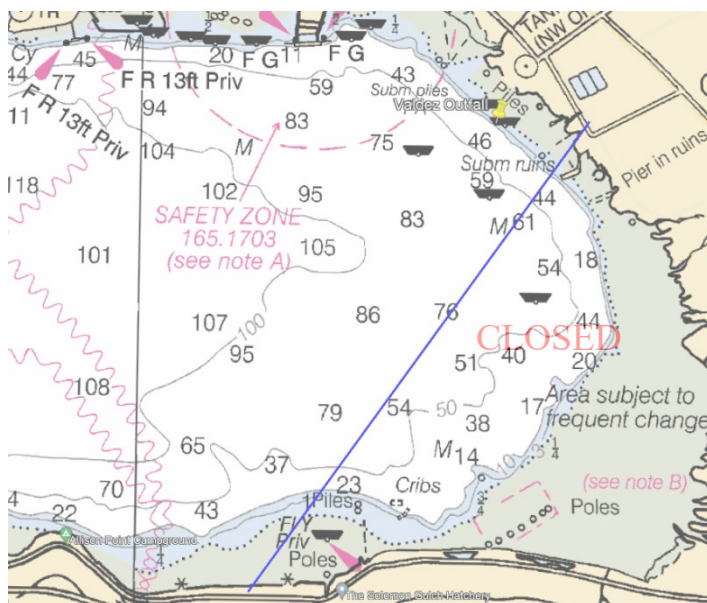
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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #81

**SEINE FISHERIES:** This announcement provides an additional fishing period targeting surplus SGH coho salmon in the Port of Valdez.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Water of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, September 8. 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.**

**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.**