



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #33

COGHILL DISTRICT: Additional time is being provided for fishing opportunity on WNH chum salmon that are deteriorating in quality. Waters of the Granite Bay Subdistrict currently open to commercial drift gillnet will be extended for 48 hours, from 8:00 pm Friday, July 15 to 8:00 pm, Sunday, July 17. Waters of the Esther Subdistrict and WNH THA and SHA currently open to commercial drift gillnet will be extended for 36 hours, from 8:00 am Saturday, July 16 to 8:00 pm, Sunday, July 17.

PWSAC recommends extending the current drift gillnet fishery in the Esther and Granite Bay Subdistricts, and the WNH THA and SHA. After the July 14th cost recovery effort at MBH and WNH, PWSAC is approximately 75% complete with the gillnet revenue goal. PWSAC needs sufficient run entry to warrant further cost recovery effort. While there is reported run entry and a percentage of still bright fish, the volumes are such that gillnet effort is more efficient and timelier than what cost recovery can achieve at this late stage in the run.

Commercial permit holders are encouraged to confirm their market prior to fishing.

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are not yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024_cf_pws_salmon_regs.pdf.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 16. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 16.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

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.