



## Advisory Announcement

*For Immediate Release: August 16, 2022*

**CONTACT: Heather Scannell and Jeremy Botz**

**Finfish Area Management Biologists**

**(907) 424-3212**

### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #55

**SEINE FISHERIES:** Seine fisheries will be closed on Wednesday, August 17 to evaluate fisheries performance data. PWSAC cost recovery fishing is ongoing and they have collected approximately 96% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Industry sampling of cost recovery fish harvested from CCH on August 15 was 36% female. Broodstock continues to be collected at both AFK and WNH. PWSAC estimates there are approximately 150,000 fish in the HEEZ at AFK and approximately 140,000 fish behind the barrier seine at WNH. Visibility at both AFK and WNH is impacting estimates of new entry. Based on female percentages from yesterday's harvest, PWSAC will determine where to collect the remaining fish to finish cost recovery, and it is anticipated that cost recovery may be completed today.

Future fishing opportunities targeting PWSAC pink salmon are dependent on run entry, cost recovery progress, and broodstock collection. The Department will continue to announce daily to provide the fleet with up-to-date information pertaining to a potential opener targeting surplus PWSAC fish.

**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: [2022-2024 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations \(alaska.gov\)](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov)**

**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 Wednesday, August 17. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17.**

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at anytime 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 CopperRiver 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.