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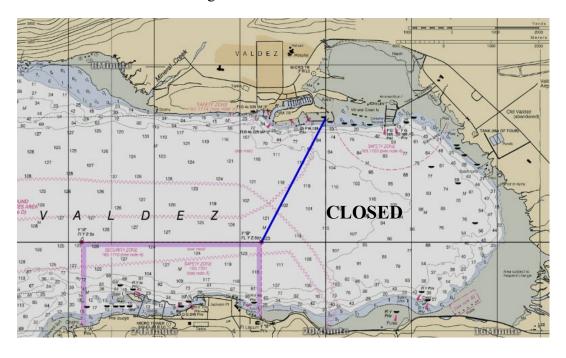
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #63

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA has recommended a commercial purse seine fishing period targeting surplus SGH coho salmon. Broodstock acquisition and run entry into the SGH SHA will be evaluated Tuesday morning and an additional fishing period may occur as early as Wednesday, September 7, with time and area announced on Tuesday, September 6.

EASTERN DISTRICT: 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 6. Waters of Port Valdez east of a diagonal line from the Alyeska Security Zone B-buoy located at 61° 06.00 N', 146° 21.50'W., to a point on the north shore at 61° 07.40' N., 146° 20.00'W., will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during this period. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during these fishing periods.

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.



Copies of the updated regulation booklet, 2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound, are <u>not</u> yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference 2022-2024 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (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 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6. The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7.

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.