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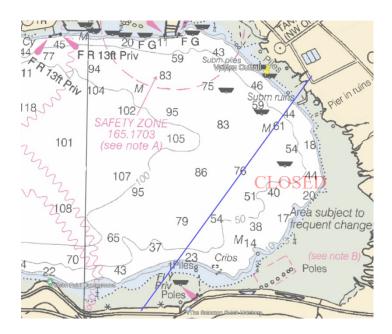
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #67

<u>SEINE FISHERIES</u>: It is anticipated that the PWS purse seine season will close on Saturday, September 17. Any permit holders interested in additional fishing opportunities should contact ADF&G in Cordova.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 13. 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 CCH Subdistrict and CCH THA and SHA will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 48-hour period starting at 8:00 pm on Monday, September 12. Anadromous stream closures within the CCH THA and SHA will not be in effect during this fishing period.

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 fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14.

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.