



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #24

COGHILL DISTRICT: In addition to the Coghill District open area previously announced, the Esther Subdistrict and WNH THA, excluding waters of Lake Bay inside of a line from 60° 47.17' N., 148° 05.08' W. to 60° 47.17' N., 148° 03.70' W. (Figure 1), will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 28-hour period starting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 11.

PWSAC recommends keeping the waters of Lake Bay closed for broodstock protection.

Figure 1.- Lake Bay closure area.



Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova ADFG office.

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 salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 12.

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 907-267-2843.

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.