



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #36

**SEINE FISHERIES:** PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on July 25, and has collected approximately 13% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. PWSAC cost recovery is continuing today.

VFDA estimates approximately 300,000 fish near the hatchery and multiple schools of fish around the Port. An increase in broodstock estimates near the hatchery may warrant an off-cycle announcement to provide fishing opportunity on surplus SGH pink salmon.

Aerial surveys of all purse seine districts are ongoing and stream escapements are within anticipated ranges for this time frame.

Recent preliminary contribution estimates are as follows:

- Northern District on July 27: 36% SGH, 29% wild, 22% CCH, 11% WNH, and 2% AFK
- Eastern District on July 27: 69% SGH, 25% wild, and 6% CCH

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District, south of a line from Entrance Point to Potato Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that occurred on July 30 were 742,000 pink and 55,900 chum salmon with 107 reported deliveries.

**Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed to commercial fishing during this period to ensure escapement:**

- (1) Galena Bay: east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long,
- (2) Port Fidalgo Subdistrict: waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, excluding the Cannery Creek Hatchery and Perry Island Subdistricts, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that occurred on July 30 were 432,000 pink and 8,900 chum salmon with 61 reported deliveries.

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of the Coghill District, excluding the WNH SHA and THA and the Esther Subdistrict, will open to purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B), will not be in effect until further notice. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed

or channel of the Coghill River at any stage of the tide. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that occurred on July 30 were 30,900 pink salmon with 14 reported deliveries.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that occurred on July 30 were 68,700 pink salmon with 7 reported deliveries.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that closed on July 30 were 134,000 pink salmon with 27 reported deliveries.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 2. Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period that occurred on July 30 were 73,900 pink and 25,800 chum salmon with 11 reported deliveries.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, August 4.

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

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.