



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #40

SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on July 25, and has collected approximately 44% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Industry sampling of pink salmon harvest from AFK and WNH on August 6 yielded female ratios of 27% and 25%, respectively.

VFDA estimates about 375,000 fish near the hatchery. Egg-take operations at VFDA began on August 4.

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

Recent preliminary otolith contribution estimates are as follows:

- Northwestern District on July 30: 66% wild, 30% WNH, and 5% CCH
- Montague on August 5: 52% wild, 20% CCH, 13% AFK, 12% SGH, and 3% WNH
- Southeastern on August 5: 78% wild, 14% SGH, 5% AFK, 2% CCH, and 2% WNH

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 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

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 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

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 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9. 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.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, excluding the AFK SHA and THA and Point Elrington and San Juan Subdistricts, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a **6-hour** period, from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 9.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, August 11.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 9.

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.