



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #47

**SEINE FISHERIES:** PWSAC has completed cost recovery and has recommended fishing pressure to target surplus pink salmon at AFK. Broodstock acquisition at CCH will begin following today's period. The WNH pink salmon hatchery run continues to lag and opportunity to target surplus WNH pink salmon will be dependent on run entry and broodstock acquisition.

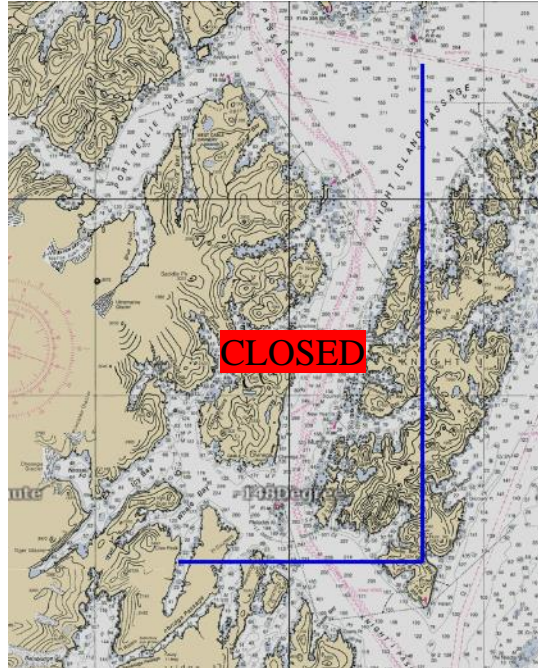
Egg-take operations at VFDA began on August 4 and as of yesterday they are 45% complete towards their egg-take goal.

Preliminary harvest estimates for the fishing periods that occurred on August 17 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 14,000 pink and 22,300 chum salmon with 4 reported deliveries
- Northern District: 372,000 pink salmon with 34 reported deliveries
- Coghill District: 9,270 pink salmon with 22 reported deliveries
- Southwestern District: 1.17 million pink salmon with 83 reported deliveries

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, excluding the Cannery Creek 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 Saturday, August 19.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N and east of Point Helen (147° 46.27' W.), excluding waters of the AFK SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Saturday, August 19. Anadromous stream closures within the Point Elrington Subdistrict will not be in effect during this fishing period.



The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 19.  
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 23.

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.