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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #50

PWS purse seine fisheries targeting PWSAC pink salmon will be closed on Tuesday, August 22. Broodstock estimates and run entry into WNH and CCH continue to remain behind anticipated levels. The next fishing period targeting PWSAC pink salmon will occur on Wednesday, August 23 with time and area announced tomorrow. There will be opportunity to harvest later-timed wild stock surplus tomorrow in the Eastern District.

Recent preliminary otolith contribution estimates are as follows:

- Southwestern District on August 17: 49% AFK, 22% CCH, 6% WNH, 2% SGH and 21% wild
- Montague District on August 17: 37% CCH, 33% AFK, 12% WNH, 4% SGH and 15% wild
- Northern District on August 17: 90% CCH and 10% wild

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, south of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, August 22.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, August 22.

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.