



Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: August 22, 2023

CONTACT: Heather Scannell and Jeremy Botz
Finfish Area Management Biologists
(907) 424-3212

Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #51

SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC has recommended that the Northern District be closed to provide protection for CCH bound pink salmon. Broodstock acquisition at WNH has improved but CCH continues to remain behind anticipated levels. Run entry and broodstock estimates will be assessed daily to determine time and area for fishing opportunity in the coming days.

Preliminary harvest estimates for the fishing periods that occurred on August 21 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 74,600 pink salmon and 51,300 chum salmon with 10 reported deliveries
- Northern District: 202,000 pink salmon with 17 reported deliveries
- Southwestern District: 1.80 million pink salmon with 169 reported deliveries
- Montague District: 33,400 pink salmon with 4 reported deliveries

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 Wednesday, August 23.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N., will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 23. Waters of the AFK THA and SHA will be closed for this fishing period.

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 23.

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 23.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Thursday, August 24.

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.