



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #53

**SEINE FISHERIES:** Fishermen are encouraged to confirm their market prior to fishing.

PWSAC estimates that they have broodstock secured at AFK and WNH and they have begun egg-take operations at those facilities. Broodstock at CCH continues to build, and they anticipate beginning egg-take early next week.

Egg-take operations at VFDA began on August 4 and as of yesterday they are 75% complete towards their egg-take goal.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing periods that occurred on August 23 and 24 are as follows:

- Eastern District on August 23: 53,400 pink and 33,200 chum salmon with 9 reported deliveries
- Northern District on August 24: 103,000 pink salmon with 3 reported deliveries
- Southwestern District on August 23: 1.30 million pink salmon with 121 reported deliveries
- Southwestern District on August 24: 704,000 pink salmon with 58 reported deliveries

Preliminary contribution estimates are as follows:

- Coghill District on August 13: 40% WNH, 39% CCH and 22% wild
- Coghill District on August 15: 57% WNH, 31% CCH, 5% SGH, and 6% wild
- Eastern District on August 17: 1% SGH, 1% CCH, < 1% AFK, < 1% WNH and 97% wild
- Northern District on August 15: 67% CCH, 15% WNH, 5% SGH, 2% AFK, and 11% wild
- Northern District on August 17: 90% CCH and 10% wild
- 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
- Southwestern District on August 19: 34% AFK, 29% CCH, 14% WNH, 5% SGH, and 18% wild

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of the Coghill District, excluding the WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Saturday, August 26, through Wednesday, August 30.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, excluding the Cannery Creek Subdistrict, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Saturday, August 26, through Wednesday, August 30.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, excluding waters of the AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Saturday, August 26, through Wednesday, August 30.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 30.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 30.

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.