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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #56

<u>SEINE FISHERIES</u>: This announcement clarifies the closed waters in Port Valdez. Area is being expanded in the Eastern District for the fishing period occurring on Tuesday, September 5.

VFDA has recommended a commercial fishing period in a portion of Port Valdez to target surplus SGH coho salmon. Run entry and broodstock will continue to be evaluated and future fishing opportunity will be announced on Tuesday, September 5.

<u>EASTERN DISTRICT</u>: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 5. Waters of Port Valdez east of the longitude of 146° 30.00' W. long., will be closed for this fishing period. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, September 5. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 6.

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.