



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #57

**SEINE FISHERIES:** Fishermen should confirm their market prior to fishing. PWS purse seine fisheries are anticipated to close for the 2023 season on Friday, September 15.

VFDA reports SGH coho run entry and broodstock numbers are behind anticipated levels. The area available for tomorrow's fishing period will be the same as the area available for today's fishing period. Additional area in Port Valdez may be available for commercial fishing opportunity later this week if numbers improve.

**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 daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13. **For the fishing period occurring in Port Valdez on Wednesday, September 6, all waters east of a longitude line at 146° 30.00' W. long., will be closed for this period. Additionally, for tomorrow's period, regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect.**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, excluding waters of the CCH 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 Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, beginning on Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, excluding 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 Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 13.  
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.