



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #34

SEINE FISHERIES: Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will remain closed. The next commercial fishing opportunity will depend on PWSAC coast recovery progress and broodstock recruitment.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Friday, August 2, and has collected approximately 53% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal.

AFK: Cost recovery took place yesterday with an average weight of 3.2 pounds and female percent of 44%. Brood collection began on 8/14. To date, an estimated 240,000 fish are available as brood. Brood collection and cost recovery are being assessed daily.

WNH: Brood collection began on 8/14. To date there are an estimated 22,000 fish behind the barrier seine available as brood. Run entry is currently only supporting brood collection.

CCH: Cost recovery took place yesterday with an average weight of 3.1 pounds and female percent of 34%. Brood collection began on 8/16. To date, an estimated 30,000 fish are available as brood. Brood collection and cost recovery are being assessed daily.

Egg-take operations at VFDA began on Monday, August 5. As of yesterday, August 16, VFDA has achieved 25% of its 270 million green egg take goal. Egg takes will resume on Monday, August 19.

Aerial surveys of all districts will continue through early September to monitor the escapement of later-timed stocks returning to PWS.

The next scheduled salmon seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 21.

The next scheduled salmon gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 21.

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.