



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #38

COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The Copper River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, September 2 for a 24-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period. The standard management strategy for coho salmon is one or two 24-hour periods per week depending on escapement and harvest levels.

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5 AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (**see bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point Whitshed South	60° 26.49' N.	145° 52.86' W.
Alaganik Slough North	60° 24.65' N.	145° 36.70' W.
Pete Dahl East	60° 20.44' N.	145° 29.14' W.
West Kokenhenik	60° 14.88' N.	145° 10.01' W.
East "East Side"	60° 14.83' N.	145° 03.36' W.
Coffee Creek East	60° 14.19' N.	144° 58.01' W.
Charlie Mohr North	60° 15.15' N.	144° 56.43' W.
Martin River North	60° 15.29' N.	144° 52.52' W.
Strawberry Reef	60° 13.93' N.	144° 50.66' W.
Little Softuk	60° 13.16' N.	144° 41.38' W.

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

For the week ending August 24, the actual Copper River Delta survey count was 12,115 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range 9,298 – 19,468. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 24-hour period that started on Thursday, August 28 was 38,000 coho salmon with 224 deliveries reported. The cumulative Copper River District harvest to date is 1.40 million sockeye, 8,870 Chinook, 31,600 chum, and 65,300 coho salmon.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The Bering River District will open to commercial salmon fishing for a 24-hour period starting at 7:00 am on Monday, September 2. The standard management strategy for coho salmon in the Bering River District is to fish concurrent fishing time with the Copper River District. For the week ending August 24, the actual Bering River District survey count was 4,350 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range 4,002 – 10,158. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 24-hour period that started on Thursday, August 28 was 11,600 coho salmon with 40 deliveries reported. The cumulative Bering River District harvest to date is 15,700 coho and 58,700 sockeye salmon.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: As previously announced, the Eshamy District will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 24-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, September 2. The AGZ will open to **SET GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period.

The Eshamy River weir has passed 13,155 sockeye salmon through 8/30 with a cumulative target of 11,590–24,963 fish for the date. No harvest was reported for the 24-hour period that started on Thursday, August 28. The cumulative Eshamy District commercial harvest to date is 1.17 million sockeye, 73,700 chum, 98,700 pink, and 520 coho salmon.

The next scheduled salmon gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 4.

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.