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## Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #23

**<u>SEINE FISHERIES</u>**: Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will be closed on Monday, July 7, to allow for further evaluation of fishery performance data. The next fishing period will occur on Tuesday, July 8, with time and area announced on Monday, July 7.

VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Sunday, June 29, and has collected approximately 30% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Industry sampling of pink salmon cost recovery harvest on July 4 resulted in an average weight of 3.2 pounds per fish and 22% female. VFDA cost recovery is continuing today.

An aerial survey of the Eastern and Northern Districts was conducted on Saturday, July 5. Wild stock run entry and escapement indices are within anticipated ranges for this date. As weather allows, aerial surveys will continue, and additional districts will be added to the schedule next week.

Copies of the regulation booklet, 2022-2025 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound, are available in the Cordova ADFG office. Regulation booklets that include changes made at the December 2024 Board of Fisheries meeting are unavailable.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. If you have any registration questions, contact the Cordova office.

## The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Monday, July 7. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 9.

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.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main</u> (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).