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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #25

<u>COGHILL DISTRICT</u>: The Coghill District will remain open as previously announced. Additionally, waters of the Granite Bay Subdistrict and Esther Subdistrict, excluding the WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 24-hour period starting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, July 8.

PWSAC recommends extending the opening for the Esther and Granite Bay Subdistricts through the opening occurring Thursday, July 10. PWSAC also recommends removing the protective corridor at the mouth of Lake Bay. The SHA and THA are recommended to stay closed to protect traveling fish still needed for brood.

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 not yet available.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any registration questions.

The next scheduled salmon 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).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.