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Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #32

This announcement supersedes the Eastern District area described in Announcement #31

<u>EASTERN DISTRICT</u>: Waters of the Eastern District, north of a latitude of 60° 54.00' N, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 16-hour period, from 5:00 am until 9:00 pm, on Thursday, July 17. Waters of Port Valdez east of a longitude of 146° 28.00' W. will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during this period. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period.

The preliminary harvest estimate for Tuesday, July 15, was 2.20 million pink salmon, with 231 deliveries reported.

Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed to commercial fishing during this period to ensure early season escapement:

- (1) <u>Jack Bay</u>: south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (2) <u>Sawmill Bay</u>: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.
- (3) <u>Galena Bay</u>: east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long,;

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 17, and for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 19. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.**

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, July 18. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 19.

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.

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.