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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #68

This announcement supersedes the Eastern District portion of a previous announcement.

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA has recommended an area adjustment in Port Valdez to target surplus SGH-coho salmon. This area adjustment will become effective at 1:00 pm today.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, through Wednesday, September 10. Waters of Port Valdez, east of the longitude of 146° 19' W will be CLOSED to commercial salmon fishing during these fishing periods, effective 1:00 pm today. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during these fishing periods.

Waters within 200 yards of the AMHS Valdez Ferry Terminal are closed to commercial fishing when the ferry is arriving and departing. All waters of the Valdez small boat harbor and within 50 yards of the entrance to the harbor are closed to commercial fishing. Waters within the Alyeska Marine Terminal (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) Security Zone are closed to commercial fishing.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 10. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 10.

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.