



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #70

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, excluding the Esther Subdistrict and the WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11. PWSAC recommends keeping the Esther Subdistrict closed to allow for coho brood collection. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, September 8, were 4,500 coho salmon with 47 deliveries reported.

SEINE FISHERIES: Fishermen should confirm their market before fishing. The PWS purse seine fishery is anticipated to close for the 2025 season at 8:00 pm on Friday, September 12. Any permit holders interested in additional fishing opportunities should contact ADF&G in Cordova.

VFDA has recommended additional commercial fishing periods targeting surplus SGH-coho salmon.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12. Waters of Port Valdez east of the longitude of 146° 19.00 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.

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.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, excluding the CCH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, excluding the AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing two 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Thursday, September 11, and Friday, September 12.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Friday, September 12.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Friday, September 12.

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.