



Advisory Announcement

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2026 POINT GARDNER AND KINGSMILL TEST FISHERIES UPDATE # 3

The Point Gardner and Kingsmill test fisheries are ongoing projects that assess pink and chum salmon abundance returning to Section 9-B and District 10. Test fishing at Point Gardner occurs one day per week for 5 weeks, starting in statistical week 26 (June 21 – June 27). The Point Gardner test fishery has proven to be a very good indicator for pink salmon returning to Frederick Sound and lower Stephens Passage, particularly to District 10. The Kingsmill test fishery occurs one day per week for 4 weeks, starting in statistical week 27 (June 28 – July 4). The Kingsmill test fishery is used as an indicator for runs returning to Frederick Sound and eastern lower Chatham Strait (Section 9-B and District 10). Results from the Kingsmill test fishery are generally less conclusive since the test fishery will catch fish heading north to Frederick Sound and south to Rowan and Tebenkof Bays.

This year, the *F/V Obsession* is conducting both test fisheries.

Point Gardner: The third test fishery was conducted on Friday, July 10. All 7 sets were completed. Chum salmon harvests were slightly above the recent 10-year average (2016 – 2025). Pink salmon harvests were well below the recent 10-year average. The male chum salmon sex ratio was 60%. The male pink salmon sex ratio was 76%.

Kingsmill: The second test fishery was conducted on Monday, July 6. All 7 sets were completed. Chum and pink salmon harvests were well below the recent 10-year average. The male chum salmon sex ratio was 50%. The pink salmon harvest numbers were not substantial enough for a pink salmon sex ratio.

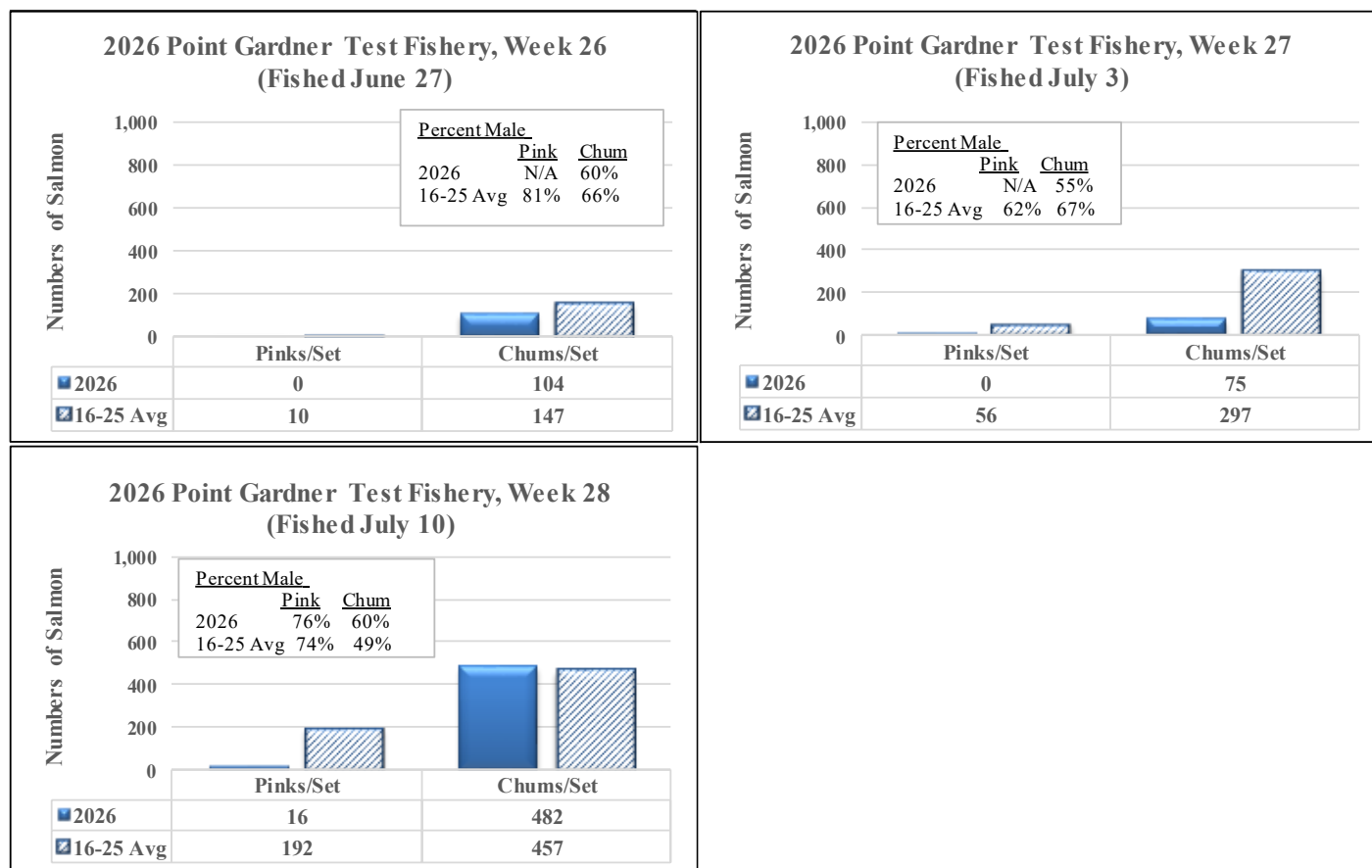
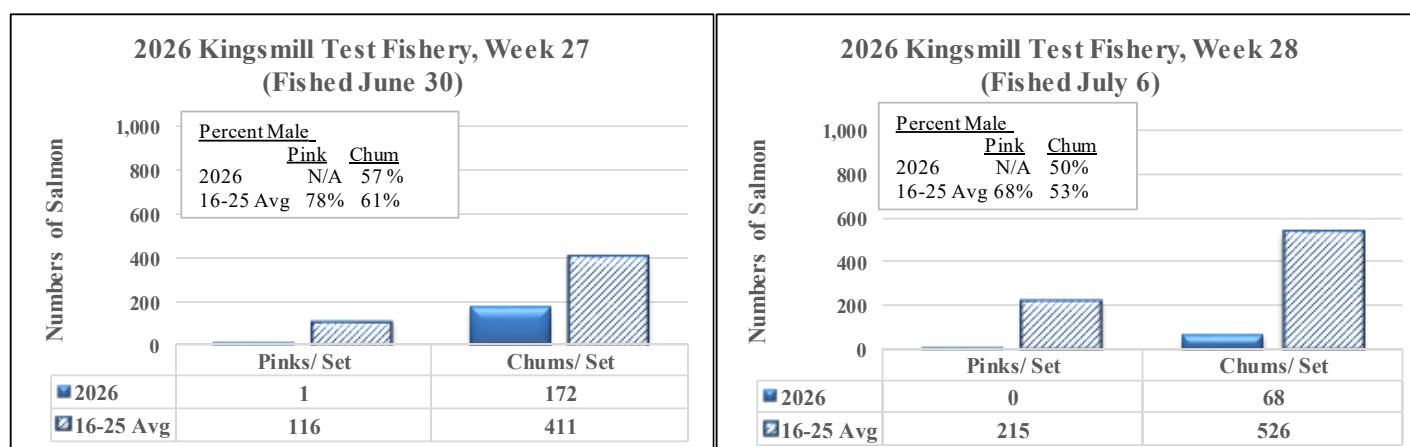
Run Strength: This is the third period with generally below average chum salmon harvests and consistently well below average pink salmon harvests. Therefore, the chum run strength appears to be below average, and the pink salmon run strength appears to be well below average. Run strength indicators will become more conclusive as more test fishery periods are conducted.

Sex Ratio Sampling: Sex ratio sampling is used as a tool in determining run timing. Numbers of males are higher during the beginning of the run, and females are more numerous during the latter part of the run. Comparing this year's sex ratios to the historical average provides an indication of whether the run is earlier, later, or similar in run timing to previous years. The statistical weeks 26 and 27 below average chum salmon sex ratios indicated an earlier than normal run timing, and the statistical week 28 results indicated an average to late run timing. As of statistical week 28, a pink salmon sex ratio has been collected in only one test fishery period due to low harvests and indicated a near average run timing.

Average Weights:

- Point Gardner: pink salmon: Data Unavailable; chum salmon: Data Unavailable.
- Kingsmill: pink salmon: Data Unavailable; chum salmon: Data Unavailable.

Next Test Fisheries: The next test fisheries are anticipated to occur Monday, July 13, and Friday, July 17.

Point Gardner:**Kingsmill:**

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