



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #50

SEINE FISHERIES: Fishermen should confirm their market before fishing. The PWS purse seine fishery is anticipated to close for the 2026 season at 8:00 pm on Monday, September 14. Any permit holders interested in additional fishing opportunities should contact ADF&G in Cordova.

PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon egg take on Thursday, September 10. PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon cost recovery goal on August 10.

VFDA completed its pink salmon egg take on Thursday, September 10 collecting 92% of the pink salmon egg take goal.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, **south of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Saturday, September 12 through Monday, September 14.

Copies of the regulation booklet, *2025-2028 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova and Anchorage ADFG office. [2025-2028 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations](#)

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

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Monday, September 14.

Announcement recordings are available for gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (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.