



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #54

COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The Copper River District will open for a 36-hour period starting at 7:00 am on each of the following days: Monday, September 28; Thursday, October 1; Monday, October 5; Thursday, October 8; and Monday, October 12. **The commercial salmon fishing season in the Copper River District will close at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13.**

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5 AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (**see bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point Whitshed South	60° 26.49' N.	145° 52.86' W.
Alaganik Slough North	60° 24.65' N.	145° 36.70' W.
Pete Dahl East	60° 20.44' N.	145° 29.14' W.
West Kokenhenik	60° 14.88' N.	145° 10.01' W.
East "East Side"	60° 14.83' N.	145° 03.36' W.
Coffee Creek East	60° 14.19' N.	144° 58.01' W.
Charlie Mohr North	60° 15.15' N.	144° 56.43' W.
Martin River North	60° 15.29' N.	144° 52.52' W.
Strawberry Reef	60° 13.93' N.	144° 50.66' W.
Little Softuk	60° 13.16' N.	144° 41.38' W.

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

For the week ending September 12, the Copper River Delta survey count was 40,780 coho salmon which is above the anticipated range of 18,286–38,285. Harvest estimates from the 36-hour fishing period that started on Monday, September 21 were 6,900 coho salmon with 82 deliveries reported.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The Bering River District will open for a 36-hour period starting at 7:00 am on each of the following days: Monday, September 28; Thursday, October 1; Monday, October 5; Thursday, October 8; and Monday, October 12. For the week ending September 12, the Bering River District survey count was 17,200 coho salmon which falls within the anticipated range of 6,969–17,691. Harvest estimates from the 24-hour fishing period that started on Thursday, September 17 were 558 coho salmon with 4 deliveries reported. **The commercial salmon fishing season in the Bering River District will close at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13.**

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.

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.