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SEINE FISHERIES: The purpose of this announcement is to provide time and area specifics for fisheries targeting VFDA pink salmon for Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5. It is possible that fishing opportunity targeting VFDA pink salmon will be offered again on Sunday, with details being provided at 2 pm on Saturday, July 5. An update including any available harvest or fishery information will occur Friday, July 4.

VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Monday, June 23, and has collected approximately 81% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through July 1. Cost recovery pink salmon harvest in Port Valdez on Tuesday, July 1 was approximately 386,000 fish and 5.3% female.

Harvest reporting from yesterday's fishery is not yet complete. However, it is estimated that at least 3 million CPF pink salmon were harvested in PWS on July 2.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour periods, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5. **Waters inside of a line from the brown oil boom container van located between Solomon Gulch Hatchery and Allison Point, along the yellow SERVS buoys around Solomon Gulch Hatchery to the brown oil boom container east of the hatchery between VFDA and PetroStar will be closed to commercial fishing during these periods.** All waters of the Valdez small boat harbor and within 50 yards of the entrance to the harbor will be closed to commercial fishing. Waters within 200 yards of the AMHS Valdez Ferry Terminal will also be closed to commercial fishing when the ferry is arriving and departing. Waters within the Alyeska Marine Terminal (Trans Alaska Pipeline System) Security Zone are closed to commercial fishing. 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.

Fishermen are advised of a new outfall line located near Old Town Valdez at 61°06'58.788 N, 146°16'49.748 W. The line is marked with orange and white buoys. Please avoid this area to prevent gear entanglement.

Waters inside of the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for these periods to ensure early season escapement:

- (1) Sheep Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°41.13' N. lat., 145°58.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°40.46' N. lat., 145°58.01' W. long.;
- (2) Beartrap Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°45.13' N. lat., 146°06.12' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°44.51' N. lat., 146°04.57' W. long.; **this includes all waters of Port Gravina and Beartrap Bay inside of this line;**
- (3) Olsen Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.46' N. lat., 146°10.14' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°43.21' N. lat., 146°13.97' W. long.;
- (4) St. Matthews Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.36' N. lat., 146°19.07' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°43.61' N. lat., 146°21.17' W. long.;
- (5) Irish Cove: south of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°46.73' N. lat., 146°26.62' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°46.27' N. lat., 146°27.12' W. long.;
- (6) Landlocked Bay: waters north of 60°50.76' N. lat.;
- (7) Port Fidalgo Subdistrict: waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.
- (8) Galena Bay: east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long.;

- (9) Jack Bay: south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (10) Sawmill Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.

SHTF marker coordinates will also be available in the Cordova ADF&G office, and have been provided to area processors, VFDA and PWSAC for distribution to fishery participants. A copy of these coordinates may also be found on the ADF&G Web-site at the following address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.salmon#/maps>

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District east of Granite Point will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour periods, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5. Waters of Long Bay north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°57.63' N. lat., 147°13.50' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°57.01' N. lat., 147°15.47' W. long. will be closed to commercial fishing during these periods.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour periods, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, July 4.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

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 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web addresses:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareacopperriver.main> (Copper River homepage) or

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound 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 that 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.