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SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement serves as a pink salmon fishery informational update. It is estimated that at least 2.02 million pink salmon were harvested in the Eastern district Thursday, July 3. Sampling indicates that pink salmon harvest from the common property fishery in Port Valdez on July 2 was 11.5% female.

Through July 3, it is estimated that at least 8.76 million pink salmon have been harvested in the purse seine fishery in Prince William Sound. The average weight of these fish as reported by processors is 3.2 pounds.

VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Monday, June 23, and has collected approximately 81% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 5.

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.