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NEWS RELEASE

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**Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #41**

**SEINE FISHERIES:** This announcement provides time and area specifics for a purse seine fishery targeting VFDA pink salmon. VFDA reports adequate broodstock escapement at the head of Port Valdez, and has provided area recommendations for fishing opportunity in Port Valdez on Tuesday, July 29. Fishing opportunity targeting VFDA pink salmon in Port Valdez may occur again on Wednesday, July 30, with details provided at 2 pm on Tuesday, July 29. Time and area for future commercial fishing periods targeting VFDA pink salmon in Port Valdez will be based on consideration for VFDA escapement.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District, north of a line from 61° 02.855'N., 146° 44.204'W. to 61° 02.373'N., 146° 43.407'W. to 61° 02.992'N., 146° 39.165'W., will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, July 29. **Waters of Port Valdez east of 146° 30.62' W Long. will be closed to commercial fishing during this period.** 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 BE IN EFFECT** until further notice.

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 29.**

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.