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SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC reached its cost recovery goal on Saturday, August 2. **PWSAC has provided area recommendations in hatchery subdistricts for purse seine fisheries targeting PWSAC pink salmon on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6. Fishing opportunity targeting PWSAC pink salmon may occur again on Thursday, August 7, with details being provided at 2 pm on Wednesday, August 6.**

ADF&G sampling of cost recovery pink salmon harvested at AFK on July 30 resulted in an average weight of 3.93 pounds per fish, and 30% female. Historical ADF&G sex ratio sampling data for Southwestern District on July 30 results in an average of 30% female for the date. ADF&G sampling of CPF pink salmon harvested in Unakwik Inlet on July 31 resulted in an average weight of 3.77 pounds per fish, and 30.8% female. Historical ADF&G sex ratio sampling data for Northern District on July 31 results in an average of 24.6% female for the date. ADF&G sampling of August 1 cost recovery harvest from WNH resulted in an estimated sex ratio of 33.1% female. Historical ADF&G sex ratio sampling data for Coghill District on August 1 results in an average of 32% female for the date.

Harvest reporting for the August 3 PWS purse seine fishery is not complete at the time of this announcement. However, it is estimated that 3 million pink salmon were harvested.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding the WNH HEEZ**, will open to commercial DRIFT GILLNET and PURSE SEINE fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6. **The WNH HEEZ consists of the waters of the SHA north of a latitude line at 60° 47.78' N.**

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District south of Black Point will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **excluding the CCH SHA and CCH THA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6.

Waters inside of the following Northern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers are closed to commercial fishing during these periods:

- (1) **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.;
- (2) **Granite Bay:** north and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°55.02' N. lat., 147°27.61' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°54.66' N. lat., 147°26.72' W. long.;
- (3) **Cedar Bay:** north and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.46' N. lat., 147°27.03' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.03' N. lat., 147°26.39' W. long.;
- (4) **Wells Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.75' N. lat., 147°29.92' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°57.08' N. lat., 147°28.14' W. long.;
- (5) **Siwash Bay:** west of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°58.26' N. lat., 147°37.32' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.96' N. lat., 147°36.02' W. long.;

- (6) Jonah Bay: west of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°01.17' N. lat., 147°35.07' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°00.40' N. lat., 147°35.93' W. long.;
- (7) Eaglek Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°50.66' N. lat., 147°40.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°50.56' N. lat., 147°44.57' W. long.;

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, **excluding the AFK Inner HEEZ**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 14-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 5, and Wednesday, August 6. **The AFK Inner HEEZ consists of the waters of the SHA west and south of a line from 60° 03.253' N. lat., 148° 03.576' W. long. to 60° 02.889' N. lat., 148° 03.644' W. long. Waters north of the latitude of Squire Point and west of the longitude of Herring Point will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during these periods. These waters are being closed to allow for passage of Eshamy Lake sockeye salmon.**

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 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.