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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #47

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement will provide time and area specifics for commercial purse seine fishing opportunity throughout PWS on Monday, August 3. **Daily fishing opportunity targeting the SGH pink salmon run will continue; however, please note the reduced area for the commercial fishing period scheduled for Tuesday, August 4.** All other previously announced seine fisheries remain as announced. It is expected that there will be a broad area commercial purse seine fishing period taking place throughout PWS on Wednesday, August 5, with time and area to be announced at 2 pm on Tuesday, August 4.

PWSAC began its pink salmon cost recovery program on July 25, and has collected approximately 51% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through August 1. Cost recovery fishing continues today at AFK and WNH. ADF&G sampling of cost recovery pink salmon harvested at WNH on July 31 resulted in an estimated sex ratio of 36% female (sample size of 901 fish); ADF&G sampling of cost recovery pink salmon harvested at AFK on July 31 resulted in an estimated sex ratio of 34% female (902 fish).

It is estimated that 640,000 pink salmon were harvested in Port Valdez and Valdez Arm on Friday, July 31. It is estimated that 3.2 million pink salmon were harvested in PWS on Saturday, August 1.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, **excluding waters of the WNH SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3.

Waters in 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, August 4. Waters of Port Valdez east of 146° 23.00' W. will be closed to commercial fishing during this period. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Security zones in Port Valdez (in front of the Valdez Marine Terminal) and in the Valdez Narrows will continue to be enforced as detailed in Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #24, which was distributed on Wednesday, July 8.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm on Monday, August 3.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3. Anadromous stream closures within the CCH THA will not be in effect until further notice. Waters inside of the following Northern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers are closed to commercial fishing during this period:

- (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 a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters within 1 nautical mile of the eastern shore of Latouche Island east of Pt. Grace and east of the southernmost tip of the Latouche Island, waters of the Elrington Subdistrict, waters of the San Juan Subdistrict, and waters of the AFK THA **excluding the AFK SHA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, August 3. Anadromous stream closures within the AFK THA **are in effect** until further notice.

The next scheduled purse seine salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur at 2:00 pm Tuesday, August 4.
The next scheduled gillnet 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 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.