

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #55**

**SEINE FISHERIES:** The purpose of this announcement is to provide clarity on area specifics for daily commercial purse seine fishing periods scheduled for the Southwestern District on Tuesday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 12. All other fishing periods remain as previously announced.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District east of Point Helen, 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 EXCLUDING ALL waters of the AFK THA and AFK SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 14-hour fishing periods, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 12.

**The next scheduled purse seine salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 12.**

**The next scheduled gillnet salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 12.**

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.