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GILLNET FISHERIES: This announcement supersedes the Bering River District portion of the previous announcement. Fishery participants should assure a market before harvesting fish.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: Bering River District will open for **48-hour** fishing periods, starting at 7:00 am, Monday, October 5 and Thursday, October 8. **The commercial salmon fishing season in the Bering River District will close after the completion of the Thursday, October 8 fishing period.** For the week ending September 26, the actual Bering River District survey count was 14,650 coho salmon versus an anticipated range of 5,041 – 12,797. Harvest from the fishing period that closed Tuesday, September 29 is confidential.

No additional scheduled salmon fisheries announcements are anticipated this season.

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.