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ESHAMY DISTRICT: The Eshamy District, excluding the Main Bay Subdistrict, will open to commercial gillnet harvest for an 8-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 am on Friday, June 30. The Main Bay Subdistrict, excluding waters of the AGZ inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine, will remain open to commercial gillnet harvest for an additional 8-hours starting at 8:00 am on Friday, June 30. **The reduced AGZ will remain open to DRIFT GILLNET permit holders only during this fishing period.**

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: The Port Chalmers Subdistrict, **north of 60°12.56' N. and east a line from 60° 12.56'N., 147° 20.25'W. to 60° 20.00'N., 147° 14.30'W.,** will open to seine fishing for 12 hours beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 1. Due to increasing harvest of salmon destined for other areas of Prince William Sound within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict, shorter duration periods are necessary to focus efforts on enhanced chum salmon returning to Port Chalmers. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice.**

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open for 8-hour periods beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 1 and Monday, July 3. Due to increasing sockeye salmon harvest, shorter duration periods are necessary to focus efforts on enhanced chum salmon. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.**

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 1.

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 address: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound and Copper River 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.