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SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement will detail PWS purse seine fishing periods commencing on Wednesday, July 18. An estimated 1.9 million pink salmon were harvested in eastern PWS on Monday, July 16. The cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest in the Eastern District through July 16 is estimated at 2.9 million CPF and 1.1 million VFDA cost recovery fish, for a total of 4.0 million fish. The 5-year even-year average (2008–2016) cumulative PWS pink salmon harvest (cost recovery and CPF fish) through July 16 is 10.7 million fish.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters in the Eastern District, north of a line from 61º 02.855' N., 146º 44.204' W. to 61º 02.373' N., 146º 43.407' W. to 61º 02.992' N., 146º 39.165' W., will open to commercial fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, July 18.

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 not be in effect during this fishing period.

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2015-2018 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound,* can be found under the 'Regulations' heading at the following web address:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 18.

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.