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NEWS RELEASE

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SEINE FISHERIES: Prince William Sound seine fisheries will be closed on Tuesday, August 7 to allow for PWSAC brood stock acquisition and further evaluation of fishery performance data.

PWSAC is recommending a closure for Tuesday, August 7 in the AFK, CCH, and WNH SHAs, THAs, and corresponding hatchery subdistricts in order to start building broodstock. PWSAC sampling of cost recovery fish from AFK and WNH on Saturday, August 5 indicated approximately 37% and 48% female, respectively.

VFDA began egg takes on Monday, July 30 and has collected 70 million eggs (26%) of a 270 million egg take goal through August 6, and currently estimates there are 350,000 pink salmon holding within the SHA.

Aerial surveys of all districts are expected to be conducted this week, weather depending, to further assess the strength of wild stock returns throughout PWS.

The next seine fisheries announcement is scheduled for 2:00 pm Tuesday, August 7.

The next salmon fisheries announcement is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 8.

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>

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).