

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #67**

**Effective 7:00 am, Monday, September 10, this announcement supersedes the Bering River and Southwestern district portions of News Release #66. The Southwestern District fishing period on Sunday, September 9 will continue as previously announced.**

**BERING RIVER DISTRICT:** The Bering River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, September 10 for a **36-hour** commercial fishing period. For the week ending September 8, the Bering River District survey count was 26,525 coho salmon versus a projected range of 8,803–22,345.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, **excluding waters north of the latitude of Squire Point and west of the longitude of Herring Point**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour fishing periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, September 10; Tuesday, September 11, and Wednesday, September 12. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery SHA will not be in effect for these fishing periods.** Southwestern District Priority Stream list will be in effect within waters of the Point Elrington Subdistrict.

**The next salmon fisheries announcement is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 12.**

**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).

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.