



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #30

COGHILL DISTRICT: Additional fishing area is being provided in the Esther Subdistrict. Waters of Esther Subdistrict, excluding the WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 13. All other open area within the Coghill District will remain as previously announced.

PWSAC requests that the WNH SHA and THA remain closed through Sunday. PWSAC completed its preseason WNH chum salmon cost recovery goal and is also in the process of securing broodstock. **In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

ESHAMY DISTRICT: A portion of the Eshamy District is being opened to target build-ups of MBH sockeye salmon that are deteriorating in quality. The Eshamy District, north of 60°34.25'N, including Foul Bay, and south of 60°32.00'N, will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 24-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 13.

PWSAC requests that the Main Bay Subdistrict remain closed for the entirety of the 24-hour commercial fishing period commencing on Tuesday, July 13. **In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, 2019-2021 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound, are available in the Cordova ADFG office

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 13.

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.

Eshamy District – north and south Crafton Island Subdistrict areas.

