



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #10

**COPPER RIVER DISTRICT:** The Copper River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, June 13 for a 24-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period. Waters within the **expanded** Chinook salmon inside closure area will be **CLOSED** during this period.

The **expanded** Chinook salmon inside closure area will be defined as waters north of a line connecting the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
<b>Steamboat North</b>	<b>60° 22.87' N.</b>	<b>145° 33.50' W.</b>
Steamboat South	60° 22.31' N.	145° 33.50' W.
West side Pete Dahl Entrance	60° 18.89' N.	145° 30.99' W.
West end Grass Island	60° 18.30' N.	145° 28.42' W.
East end Grass Island	60° 15.24' N.	145° 17.89' W.
West end Kokenhenik Bar	60° 15.00' N.	145° 16.20' W.
East end Kokenhenik Bar	60° 13.65' N.	145° 09.46' W.
Western tip of Softuk Bar	60° 13.68' N.	145° 05.78' W.
<b>Chinook Alternate #1</b>	<b>60° 13.79' N.</b>	<b>144° 59.09' W.</b>
<b>Chinook Alternate #2</b>	<b>60° 13.64' N.</b>	<b>144° 53.78' W.</b>
<b>Chinook Alternate #3</b>	<b>60° 12.64' N.</b>	<b>144° 40.21' W.</b>

\*Please note that the 'Coffee Creek West' point was replaced with 'Chinook Alternate #1'.

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (see **bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point Whitshed South	60° 26.49' N.	145° 52.86' W.
Alaganik Slough North	60° 24.65' N.	145° 36.70' W.
Pete Dahl East	60° 20.44' N.	145° 29.14' W.
West Kokenhenik	60° 14.88' N.	145° 10.01' W.
East "East Side"	60° 14.83' N.	145° 03.36' W.
Coffee Creek East	60° 14.19' N.	144° 58.01' W.
Charlie Mohr North	60° 15.15' N.	144° 56.43' W.
Martin River North	60° 15.29' N.	144° 52.52' W.
Strawberry Reef	60° 13.93' N.	144° 50.66' W.
<b>Little Softuk</b>	<b>60° 13.16' N.</b>	<b>144° 41.38' W.</b>

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

During the commercial fishing season, subsistence harvest may occur in the Copper River District concurrent in time and area with commercial fishing periods until the Copper River District is closed at the end of the season. Additionally, waters of the Copper River District, excluding the expanded Chinook salmon inside closure area, will open to subsistence fishing from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on all Saturdays between May 16 and October 31. Prince William Sound Management Area salmon subsistence permits may be obtained through any ADF&G office or online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>). **In Cordova, permits will be available during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** ADF&G staff will not be available to issue permits before hours, after hours, on state holidays, or on weekends. **Permit holders are encouraged to call the Cordova office at 907-424-3212 or report online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/>) to provide preliminary harvest reports to assist with inseason harvest tracking.**

Cumulative sonar count through 6/10 was 302,226 fish whereas 290,931 fish are projected by this date. The 0600 count for 6/11 is 4,296 fish. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 12-hour period that occurred on Thursday, June 9 was 392 Chinook and 25,700 sockeye salmon with 257 deliveries reported. This compares to a projected harvest of 36,800 sockeye salmon for this period.

**BERING RIVER DISTRICT:** The Bering River District will open to commercial salmon fishing, west of a longitude line at 144° 33.60' W., for a **24-hour** period starting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 13 to 7:00 p.m. **Bering River sockeye salmon run timing overlap has increased and open area within the district is being reduced until escapement indices support additional fishing area.**

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** The Coghill District, **excluding the Esther Subdistrict and the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery (WNH) THA and SHA**, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 13. Waters of Port Wells and College Fiord, north of 60° 55.81' N., and east of a line from Pakenham Point (61° 00.45' N., 148° 04.85' W.) to 60° 55.81' N., 148° 10.92' W., will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 60-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 13.

PWSAC requests that the Esther Subdistrict and the WNH SHA and THA remain closed for the entirety of the 36-hour commercial fishing period starting on Monday, June 13. Cost recovery has started, and harvest will continue at WNH as run entry and hatchery escapement warrants.

The Coghill River weir was fish tight as of Thursday evening and 0 sockeye salmon have passed the weir as of this morning. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 60-hour period that started on Monday, June 6 was 2,440 sockeye and 56,000 chum salmon with 268 deliveries reported.

**ESHAMY DISTRICT:** The Eshamy District, **excluding the Main Bay Subdistrict and the Main Bay Hatchery THA, SHA, and AGZ**, will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 13. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 36-hour period that started on Thursday, June 9 was 6,850 sockeye and 4,360 chum salmon with 77 deliveries reported.

PWSAC requests that the Main Bay Subdistrict remain closed for the entirety of the 36-hour commercial fishing period starting on Monday, June 13. Cost recovery harvests will commence at MBH as run entry and hatchery escapement warrants.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** The Port Chalmers Subdistrict, east of Green Island, north of a line from 60° 9.52' N., 147° 22.38' W. to 60° 13.58' N., 147° 29.29' W. and south of a line from 60° 18.22' N., 147° 20.46' W to 60°

20.00'N., 147°13.25'W, will open to purse seine fishing for 48 hours starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 13 with additional 36-hour periods starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 16, and 8:00 am on Saturday June 18. A regular schedule of three fishing periods per week is anticipated to remain in effect until further notice. Preliminary harvest estimates for the period ending on June 8 was 4,100 chum salmon with 14 reported deliveries. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice.** A total of 280,000 chum salmon are forecast to return to Port Chalmers Subdistrict.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for 48 hours starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 13 with additional 36-hour periods starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 16, and 8:00 am on Saturday June 18. Preliminary harvest estimates for the period ending on June 8 was 1,700 chum salmon with 8 reported deliveries. A regular schedule of three fishing periods per week is anticipated to remain in effect until further notice. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.** A total of 360,000 chum salmon are forecast to return to AFK Hatchery.

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are not yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024\\_cf\\_pws\\_salmon\\_regs.pdf](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024_cf_pws_salmon_regs.pdf).

**ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.**

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15.**

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

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.