



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #20

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA cost recovery continues to do well, and fishermen and processors should anticipate a fishing opportunity targeting VFDA pink salmon in the coming days, with potential time and area to be announced at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 8.

VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Friday, July 1 and has collected approximately 50% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Harvest from Wednesday, July 6, resulted in an average weight of 3.8 pounds per fish and 10% female. VFDA cost recovery is continuing today.

An aerial survey of the Eastern and Northern Districts was conducted on Wednesday, July 6. Stream escapements were minimal, which is anticipated for this date. The next aerial survey of the Eastern and Northern districts is expected to occur late next week.

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.

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 seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 8.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 9.

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.