



Advisory Announcement

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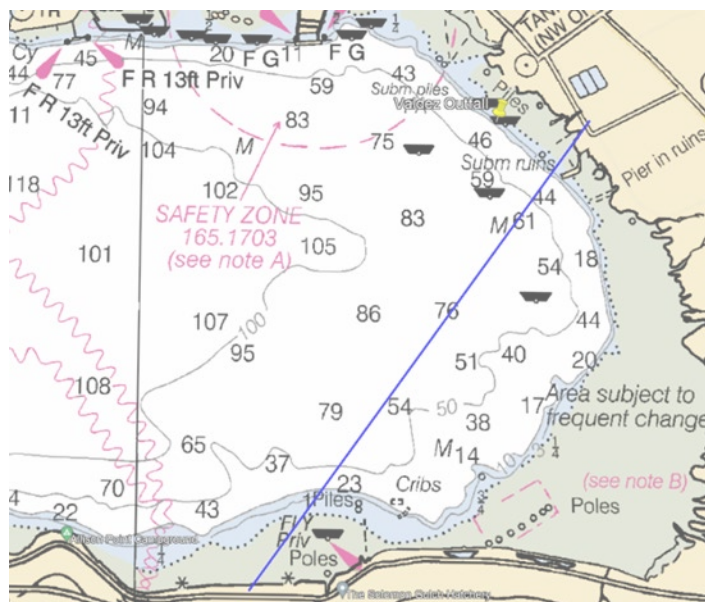
Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #22

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement provides time and area for a commercial purse seine fishing period targeting VFDA pink salmon on Saturday, July 9.

VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Friday, July 1 and as of yesterday, July 7, has collected approximately 73% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Harvest from Thursday, July 7, resulted in an average weight of 3.8 pounds per fish and 9% 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.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, north of a latitude of 60° 54.00' N., will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Saturday, July 9. **Waters of Port Valdez east of a diagonal line from 146° 19.00'W., 61° 5.00' N', to 146° 16.00'W., 61° 7.00' N', will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during this period.** Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period.



Waters within 200 yards of the AMHS Valdez Ferry Terminal are closed to commercial fishing when the ferry is arriving and departing. All waters of the Valdez small boat harbors and within 50 yards of the entrance to the harbors are closed to commercial fishing. Waters within the Alyeska Marine Terminal (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) Security Zone are closed to commercial fishing.

Waters inside of the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to ensure chum salmon escapement.

- (1) **Galena Bay:** waters east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long.;
- (2) **Jack Bay:** waters south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (3) **Sawmill Bay:** north of a line from a marker on shore at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.;

****The City of Valdez has requested that purse seiners be advised that there is an underwater outfall pipe located at 61° 6.982'N, 146° 16.844'W.**

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: The Port Chalmers Subdistrict, north of 60°12.56' N. lat. and east of a line from 60° 12.56'N., 147° 20.25'W. to 60° 20.00'N., 147° 14.30'W., will open to purse seine fishing for a 38-hour period starting at 6:00 am on Saturday, July 9. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice. Preliminary harvest for the period ending on Wednesday, July 6 was 50,800 chum salmon and 4,600 pink salmon with 41 reported deliveries. Pink salmon harvest contribution from the period ending on July 6 was estimated to be 72% SGH, 3% and 28% wild.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for a 38-hour period starting at 6:00 am on Saturday, July 9. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice. Preliminary harvest for the period ending on Sunday, July 3 was 11,700 chum salmon and 2,300 sockeye salmon with 25 reported deliveries.

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 Saturday, July 9.

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.