



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #24

COGHILL DISTRICT: Additional area will open to provide further fishing opportunity on WNH chum salmon that are deteriorating in quality. In addition to the open time and area announced on Saturday, July 9, the WNH THA and SHA up to a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine will open for a 24-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, July 11.

Pink salmon harvest has flooded processor capacity; therefore cost recovery was not conducted at WNH today Sunday, July 10th as planned. PWSAC requests that the Esther Subdistrict remain closed for the entirety of the 60-hour commercial fishing period starting on Monday, July 11. Cost recovery is currently 67% complete, and harvest will continue at WNH as run entry, catcher boat availability, and hatchery escapement warrants.

Fishermen are encouraged to confirm their market prior to fishing.

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 Monday, July 11.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 13.

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.