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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #25

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement provides time and area for a purse seine fishing period targeting VFDA pink salmon on Tuesday, July 12. VFDA completed the 2022 pink salmon revenue goal on July 10, and continued VFDA run entry into Port Valdez warrants additional fishing opportunity. Wild stocks cannot sustain daily fishing at this time. Additional wild stock fishing opportunities will be dependent on aerial survey assessments, harvest data, and effort.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the 14-hour period ending July 9, in the Eastern District was 4.5 million pink with 369 deliveries reported. Average pink salmon weight was 3.46 pounds. A sex ratio collected from Potato and Entrance Points resulted in 28.14 percent female.

Aerial surveys of all PWS purse seine fishing districts will occur this week as weather permits.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters in the Eastern District, north of a line from 61° 02.855' N., 146° 44.204' W. to 61° 02.373' N., 146° 43.407' W. to 61° 02.992' N., 146° 39.165' W., will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, July 12. **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.

****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.**

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 Tuesday, July 12
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.