



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #20

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Sunday, June 29, and has collected approximately 12.5% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Industry sampling of pink salmon cost recovery harvest on July 2 resulted in an average weight of 3.3 pounds per fish and 13.3% female. VFDA cost recovery is continuing today.

An aerial survey of the Eastern and Northern Districts was conducted on Tuesday, July 1. A fishery targeting wild stocks is warranted based on current run entry and escapement indices. Aerial surveys will continue to occur as weather allows, and additional districts will be added to the schedule next week.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, south of the latitude of **60° 59.00' N.**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Saturday, July 5. **All waters of Port Gravina, north of 60° 42.50' N, will be closed to commercial fishing during this period.**

Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed to commercial fishing during this period to ensure early season 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) **Landlocked Bay:** waters north of 60°50.76' N. lat.;
- (3) **Sheep Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°41.13' N. lat., 145°58.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°40.46' N. lat., 145°58.01' W. long.;

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 5, and for a 48-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, July 7. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.**

Copies of the regulation booklet, *2022-2025 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova ADFG office. Regulation booklets that include changes made at the December 2024 Board of Fisheries meeting are unavailable.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. If you have any registration questions, contact the Cordova office.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Sunday, July 6.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 5.

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 907-267-2843.

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).