



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #21

COGHILL DISTRICT: In addition to the Coghill District open area previously announced, the Esther Subdistrict, excluding the area along the south shore of Esther Island inside of lines from 60° 46.93' N., 148° 02.10' W. to 60° 46.50' N., 148° 02.10' W. to 60° 46.71' N., 148° 06.02' W. to 60° 47.14' N., 148° 06.02' W. (Figure 1), will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 5. The Granite Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, July 5.

PWSAC recommends keeping the area in front of the WNH THA and SHA closed for broodstock protection. PWSAC is anticipated to be 100% complete with their 2025 gillnet revenue goal today.

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND GILLET FISHERIES: Gillnet depth restrictions, as specified in 5 AAC 24.331(b)(6), **WILL NOT BE IN EFFECT** in the Coghill District, Eshamy District, Montague, and Unakwik District fisheries starting **8:00 am, Monday, July 7.**

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 not yet available.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any registration questions.

The next scheduled salmon 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).

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.

Figure 1.- Esther Subdistrict closure area.

