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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #28

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA began its cost recovery sales program on Sunday, June 29, and has collected approximately 79% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through July 11. VFDA cost recovery is continuing today.

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 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Sunday, July 13. Waters of Port Valdez east of a line from 61° 05.00' N, 146° 21.50' W to 61° 06.00' N, 146° 21.50' W and south of a line from 61° 06.00' N, 146° 21.50' W to 61° 06.00' N, 146° 15.10' W will be **CLOSED** to commercial salmon 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 preliminary harvest estimate for Thursday, July 10, was 2.60 million pink salmon, with 220 deliveries reported. Otolith contribution estimates for the fishing period on Tuesday, July 8, were 94% SGH, 6% wild, and 1% AFK.

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) 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.;
- (2) <u>Sawmill Bay</u>: 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.;
- (3) <u>Galena Bay:</u> 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,;

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Monday, July 14. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 16.

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.