



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #30

This announcement supersedes the Coghill District portion of the Saturday, July 12 announcement.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The duration of the current Esther Subdistrict opening is being reduced. The Esther Subdistrict will close effective 8:00 am on Tuesday, July 15. The remaining fishing area currently open in the district will close as previously announced.

PWSAC recommends closing the Esther Subdistrict to allow for run entry to collect additional chum salmon for broodstock. As eggtake has progressed, it appears original broodstock estimates were high and additional fish are likely needed to meet brood objectives. Estimates of fish remaining in the WNH SHA plus what has already been utilized for eggtake add up to approximately 200,000 fish. The AMP goal is 228,000 chum salmon.

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 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.

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.