



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #34

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA completed cost recovery on July 14 and has recommended a commercial fishing period targeting SGH pink salmon.

Aerial surveys of all PWS Districts were flown this past week. Wild stock run entry and escapement indices are improving and within anticipated ranges for this date. The SGH pink salmon and wild pink salmon return cannot sustain the same fishing pressure. Time and area may be adjusted based on escapement indices, effort, and harvest to target wild stocks on a regular schedule.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, July 21. **Waters of Port Valdez east of a longitude of 146° 28.00' W. 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.

The preliminary harvest estimate for Saturday, July 19, was 1.65 million pink salmon, with 231 deliveries reported.

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:** 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) **Sawmill Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker 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) **Galena Bay:** 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.;
- (4) **Landlocked Bay:** waters north of 60°50.76' N. lat.;
- (5) **Irish Cove:** south of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°46.73' N. lat., 146°26.62' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°46.27' N. lat., 146°27.12' W. long.;
- (6) **Port Fidalgo Subdistrict:** waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.
- (7) **St. Matthews Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.36' N. lat., 146°19.07' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°43.61' N. lat., 146°21.17' W. long.;
- (8) **Olsen Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.46' N. lat., 146°10.14' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°43.21' N. lat., 146°13.97' W. long.;

- (9) **Beartrap Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°45.13' N. lat., 146°06.12' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°44.51' N. lat., 146°04.57' W. long.; **this includes all waters of Port Gravina and Beartrap Bay inside of this line;**
- (10) **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.;

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, July 21.

Waters inside of the following Northern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to ensure early season escapement. Waters closed for this period include the following areas:

- (1) **Eaglek Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°50.66' N. lat., 147°40.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°50.56' N. lat., 147°44.57' W. long.;
- (2) **Cedar Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.46' N. lat., 147°27.03' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.03' N. lat., 147°26.39' W. long.;
- (3) **Long Bay:** north of a line from 60°57.63' N. lat., 146°13.50' W. long. to 60°57.01' N. lat., 146°15.47' W.;
- (4) **Siwash Bay:** west of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°58.26' N. lat., 147°37.32' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.96' N. lat., 147°36.02' W. long.;
- (5) **Jonah Bay:** west of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°01.17' N. lat., 147°35.07' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°00.40' N. lat., 147°35.93' W. long.;

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, July 21.

Waters inside the following Northwestern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to ensure escapement:

- (1) **Cochrane Bay:** south of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°44.91' N. lat., 148°17.12' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°46.01' N. lat., 148°21.77' W. long.;
- (2) **Culross Pass:** within the passage south of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°45.47' N. lat., 148°12.63' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°45.82' N. lat., 148°13.57' W. long. and north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°37.48' N. lat., 148°10.12' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°37.16' N. lat., 148°11.42' W. long.;
- (3) **Port Nellie Juan:** south and west of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°30.36' N. lat., 148°15.03' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°32.36' N. lat., 148°19.42' W. long.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Granite Bay Subdistrict and the WNH THA and SHA up to a line of protection in front of the barrier seine will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 7:00 am on Monday, July 21. Waters of the Esther Subdistrict will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for a 14-hour period starting at 6:00 am on Monday, July 21. **Waters of College Fiord, north of a latitude line at 61°01.80'N., will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for a 60-hour period starting at 7:00 am on Monday, July 21. Until further notice, regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B), will not be in effect during open commercial fishing periods. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed or channel of the Coghill River at any stage of the tide.**

The cumulative sockeye salmon weir count through July 19 was 48,063 fish compared to an escapement objective of 17,876–65,436 fish for this date. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 60-hour period that started on Monday, July 14 were 27,700 chum, 20,100 pink, and 14,300 sockeye salmon with 216 deliveries reported.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for a 14-hour fishing period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Monday, July 21. Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 22.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 23.

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.

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.