



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #37

SEINE FISHERIES: VFDA completed cost recovery on July 14 and has started broodstock recruitment. Continued run entry into Valdez Arm, Narrows, and Port warrants additional fishing pressure on SGH pink salmon.

Pink salmon run entry into PWSAC facilities has improved, and PWSAC has recommended that THA and SHAs remain closed to start building fish for cost recovery.

An aerial survey of the Southeastern District was flown July 21; an aerial survey of the Montague and Southwestern Districts was flown on Tuesday, July 22; and a survey of the Eastern and Northern Districts is being flown today. Wild escapement indices are within expected ranges for this date.

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 Friday, July 25. **Waters of Port Valdez east of a longitude of 146° 34.00' 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 Wednesday, July 23, was 1.34 million pink salmon, with 160 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;**

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, excluding the CCH Subdistrict and CCH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 25. The preliminary harvest estimate for Wednesday, July 23, was 28,500 pink salmon, with 3 deliveries reported.

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.;

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, excluding the Esther Subdistrict and WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 25. 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 14-hour period starting at 7:00 am on Saturday, July 26. **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 23 was 60,506 fish compared to an escapement objective of 19,446–71,723 fish for this date. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 61-hour period that started on Monday, July 21 were 7,400 chum, 38,100 pink, and 800 sockeye salmon, with 17 deliveries reported.

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 Friday, July 25. The preliminary harvest estimate for Wednesday, July 23, was 24,500 pink salmon, with 8 deliveries reported.

Waters inside of the following Northwestern 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) **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.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, excluding the Port San Juan Subdistrict and AFK SHA and THA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 25.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District, excluding the Port Chalmers Subdistrict, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 25.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, July 25. The preliminary harvest estimate for Wednesday, July 23, was 101,000 pink salmon, with 14 deliveries reported.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 26.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, July 26.

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.