



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #39

SEINE FISHERIES: Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will be closed on Tuesday, July 29, to allow for further evaluation of fishery performance data. Approximately 1.26 million pink salmon were harvested in PWS purse seine fisheries on Sunday, July 27.

The next fishing period will occur on Wednesday, July 30, with time and area announced on Tuesday, July 29. The VFDA return is almost 90% complete, and they anticipate beginning egg-take next week. Run entry into the Valdez Narrows and Port Valdez has slowed, and harvest has begun to drop, but remains consistent. Future opportunities targeting SGH pink salmon will depend on continued run entry and broodstock recruitment.

Pink salmon run entry into PWSAC facilities has improved, and PWSAC has recommended that THAs, SHAs, and hatchery subdistricts remain closed to start building fish for cost recovery. Cost recovery is expected to begin in the coming days.

Aerial surveys of all PWS Districts were flown last week, and wild escapement indices remain within expected ranges for this date. As fishing effort shifts from the SGH return to more wild stocks and PWSAC cost recovery begins, extra days between fishing periods may be warranted.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Tuesday, July 29.

The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 30.

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.