



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #42

SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC cost recovery began on July 27 and is approximately 6% complete through August 1. Cost recovery fishing continues today, and future efforts will depend on build-up and strength of run entry into SHAs. All PWSAC subdistricts and terminal areas will remain closed to facilitate cost recovery efforts.

The VFDA return is over 90% complete, surveys of the Port indicate that the required amount of broodstock is at the hatchery, and egg-take is expected to begin on Monday, August 4.

Aerial surveys of all PWS Districts are ongoing, and wild stock escapement indices remain within expected ranges for this date.

5 AAC 24.350 Closed Waters. Unless otherwise specified, all regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures are in effect. Alaska Fish Resource Monitor ([Alaska Fish Resource Monitor \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)) has an interactive map highlighting approximate locations of cataloged anadromous streams.

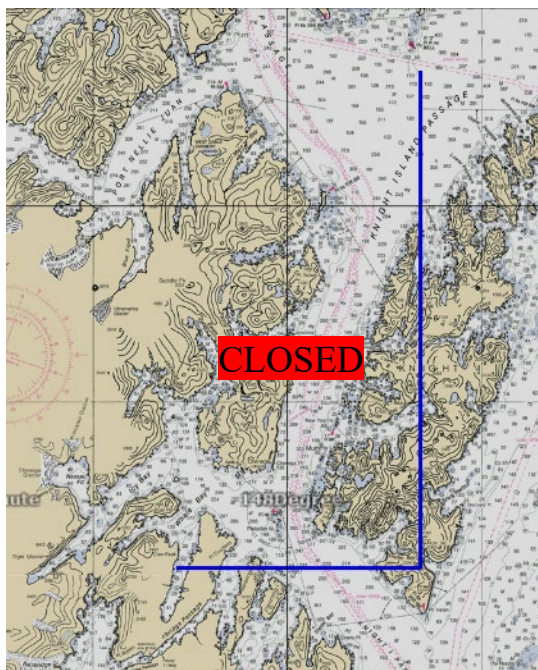
EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, south of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 3.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, excluding the waters of Perry Island and Cannery Creek Subdistricts and waters of CCH SHA and THA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 3.

COGHILL DISTRICT: Waters of the Coghill District, excluding the waters of Esther Subdistrict and waters of the WNH SHA and THA, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 3.

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 Sunday, August 3.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N and east of Point Helen (147° 46.27' W.), excluding waters of the Point Elrington and San Juan Subdistricts and waters of the AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 3.



MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 14-hour period, from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 3.

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 Sunday, August 3.

GILLNET FISHERIES:

COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The Copper River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, August 4, for a 48-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period.

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5 AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (**see bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point Whitshed South	60° 26.49' N.	145° 52.86' W.
Alaganik Slough North	60° 24.65' N.	145° 36.70' W.
Pete Dahl East	60° 20.44' N.	145° 29.14' W.
West Kokenhenik	60° 14.88' N.	145° 10.01' W.
East "East Side"	60° 14.83' N.	145° 03.36' W.
Coffee Creek East	60° 14.19' N.	144° 58.01' W.
Charlie Mohr North	60° 15.15' N.	144° 56.43' W.
Martin River North	60° 15.29' N.	144° 52.52' W.
Strawberry Reef	60° 13.93' N.	144° 50.66' W.
Little Softuk	60° 13.16' N.	144° 41.38' W.

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

During the commercial fishing season, subsistence harvest may occur in the Copper River District concurrent in time and area with commercial fishing periods, unless otherwise stated, until the Copper River District is closed

at the end of the season. **Additionally, waters of the Copper River District will open to subsistence fishing from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on all Saturdays from June 28 through October 25.** Prince William Sound Management Area salmon subsistence permits may be obtained through any ADF&G office or online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>). In Cordova, permits will be available during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To assist with inseason harvest tracking, permit holders are encouraged to call the Cordova office at 907-424-3212 or report online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/>) to provide preliminary harvest reports.

For the week ending July 19, the actual Copper River Delta survey count was 69,767 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range of 31,424 – 74,276. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 48-hour period that started on Monday, July 28, were 3 Chinook and 4,660 sockeye salmon with 55 deliveries reported. The cumulative commercial harvest to date is 5,492 Chinook and 834,000 sockeye salmon. The 5-year (2020–2024), 10-year (2015–2024), and 20-year (2005-2024) average cumulative harvests through 7/26 are 663,000, 802,000, and 1.14 million sockeye salmon, respectively.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The Bering River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, August 4, for a 48-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period. For the week ending July 19, the actual Bering River District survey count was 19,050 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range 11,015 – 24,232.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: Wild sockeye, chum, and pink salmon run timing overlap is increasing, and area is being reduced to provide for escapement in district streams, as well as allow for run entry to other districts. The Main Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, August 4. The AGZ will open to **SET GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period.

The Eshamy River weir has passed 231 sockeye salmon through 7/31 with a cumulative target of 2,997–6,456 fish for the date. Preliminary harvest estimates for the 24-hour period that started on Monday, July 28 were 663 sockeye, 620 chum, and 2,790 pink salmon with 17 deliveries reported.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Monday, August 4.
The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 6.

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.