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# **Advisory Announcement**

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## Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #56

**SEINE FISHERIES:** PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on July 27 and harvested approximately 91% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through August 22. Cost recovery fishing has been suspended at all facilities to begin broodstock recruitment, cost recovery may continue once brood is secured. Brood estimates at AFK, WNH, and CCH remain below what is needed and estimates of run entry at this time appear weak and additional conservative management measures are warranted.

VFDA began its egg take on August 4 and, as of August 22, anticipates being close to 70% complete towards the goal. Egg take continues today.

Preliminary harvest from the fishing periods occurring on August 22 are as follows:

- Eastern District: 348,000 pink salmon with 73 deliveries reported
- Coghill District: 72,000 pink salmon with 15 deliveries reported.
- Northwestern District: 48,000 pink salmon with 10 deliveries
- Montague District: 40,000 pink salmon with 8 deliveries reported.
- Southeastern District: No reported harvest.

Contribution estimates from the Southwestern District period occurring on August 20 were 86% AFK, 14% wild, 10% CCH, 3% WNH, and 1% SGH.

**EASTERN DISTRICT**: Waters of the Eastern District, south of a latitude of 60° 55.10' N, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 24.

Waters of Valdez Arm will remain closed to minimize the incidental harvest of SGH-coho salmon.

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of the Coghill District, excluding the Esther and Granite Bay Subdistricts and WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial drift gillnet and purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 24.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 24.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 24.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Monday, August 25. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 27.

Announcement recordings are ava In addition, announcement recordi	uilable for gillnet fisheries at 9 ngs are available in Anchorag	907-424-7535 and seine fishge at 907-267-2843.	neries at 907-424-7345