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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #64

SEINE FISHERIES: PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on July 27 and harvested approximately 95% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal through September 2. Egg take operations at all PWSAC pink salmon facilities are ongoing. As of September 2, they are 26% complete at CCH, 44% complete at WNH, and 40% complete at AFK.

VFDA has recommended a commercial fishing period targeting surplus SGH-coho salmon. Additional fishing opportunities targeting SGH-coho salmon will depend on continued run entry and broodstock recruitment. There may be unscheduled announcements regarding area adjustments in the Eastern District to provide fishing opportunity in Port Valdez.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, September 5. Waters of Port Valdez east of the longitude of 146° 30.00 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 next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Wednesday, September 10. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated at 2:00 pm Saturday, September 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.