



Advisory Announcement

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2026 POINT GARDNER AND KINGSMILL TEST FISHERIES UPDATE # 2

The Point Gardner and Kingsmill test fisheries are ongoing projects that assess pink and chum salmon abundance returning to Section 9-B and District 10. Test fishing at Point Gardner occurs one day per week for 5 weeks, starting in statistical week 26 (June 21 – June 27). The Point Gardner test fishery has proven to be a very good indicator for pink salmon returning to Frederick Sound and lower Stephens Passage, particularly to District 10. The Kingsmill test fishery occurs one day per week for 4 weeks, starting in statistical week 27 (June 28 – July 4). The Kingsmill test fishery is used as an indicator for runs returning to Frederick Sound and eastern lower Chatham Strait (Section 9-B and District 10). Results from the Kingsmill test fishery are generally less conclusive since the test fishery will catch fish heading north to Frederick Sound and south to Rowan and Tebenkof Bays.

This week, the *F/V Obsession* conducted both test fisheries.

Point Gardner: The second test fishery was conducted on Friday, July 3. All 7 sets were completed. Chum and pink salmon harvests were below the recent 10-year average (2016 – 2025). Male chum salmon sex ratios were 55%. The pink salmon harvest numbers were not substantial enough for a pink salmon sex ratio.

Kingsmill: The first test fishery was conducted on Tuesday, June 30. All 7 sets were completed. Chum and pink salmon harvests were below the recent 10-year average (2016 – 2025). Male chum salmon sex ratios were 57%. The pink salmon harvest numbers were not substantial enough for a pink salmon sex ratio.

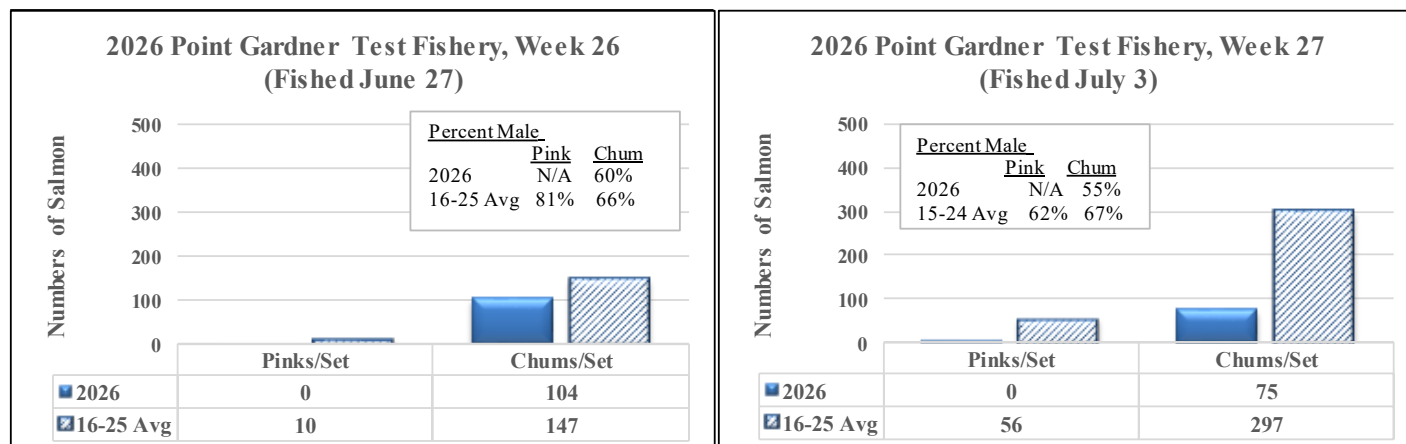
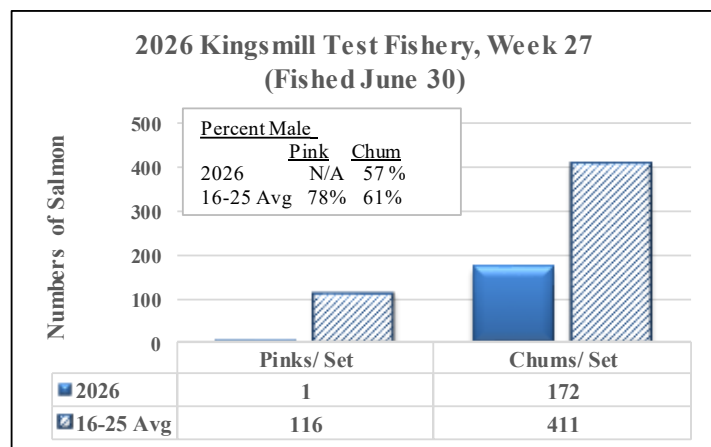
Run Strength: It is still early and run strength indicators will become more conclusive as more test fish periods are conducted. However, the chum and pink salmon harvests at both test fishing sites indicate a below average run.

Sex Ratio Sampling: Sex ratio sampling is used as a tool in determining run timing. Numbers of males are higher during the beginning of the run, and females are more numerous during the latter part of the run. Comparing this year's sex ratios to the historical average provides an indication of whether the run is earlier, later, or similar in run timing to previous runs. The below average sex ratio for male chum salmon indicates an earlier than average run timing signifying that we are later in the run than normal; however, run timing indicators will become more conclusive as more test fish periods are conducted.

Average Weights:

- Point Gardner: pink salmon: inconclusive; chum salmon: 7.5 pounds.
- Kingsmill: pink salmon: inconclusive; chum salmon: 7.0 pounds.

Next Test Fishery: The next Point Gardner and Kingsmill test fisheries are anticipated to occur on Monday, July 6, and Tuesday, July 7.

Point Gardner:**Kingsmill:**

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