



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #18

This announcement supersedes the Eshamy District portion of the previous announcement.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: Per 5 AAC 24.370 (f), the set gillnet fleet is limited to 36 hours per week starting July 10. The Eshamy District will open to commercial **drift gillnet** harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 9. The Eshamy District, excluding waters of the MBH AGZ, will open to commercial **set gillnet** harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, July 9. **The MBH AGZ, excluding waters inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine, will open to SET GILLNET permit holders only during this fishing period.** Regulatory closed waters in the MBH SHA and AGZ, will not be in effect for this fishing period. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, July 6 were 16,200 sockeye and 6,200 chum salmon with 205 deliveries reported.

PWSAC recommends excluding waters inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine for this fishing period to facilitate additional brood collection. Fish are being collected behind the barrier seine for brood and 5,429 fish of the 12,000-sockeye salmon goal have been moved into the holding pond.

Copies of the regulation booklet, *2025-2028 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova and Anchorage ADFG office. [2025-2028 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations](#)

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 11.

Announcement recordings are available for gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

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.

Figure 1.- Miles Lake Sonar large salmon apportionment, 2019-2026.

