



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #31

SEINE FISHERIES: Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will be closed tomorrow, August 10. Recent aerial surveys have not been flown due to poor weather conditions; therefore, we do not have an accurate assessment of wild stock escapement. The decision on when the next fishing period will occur will depend on aerial survey observations, cost recovery progress, and broodstock collection. The Department will announce daily through Wednesday to provide the fleet with up-to-date information pertaining to a potential opener targeting surplus fish.

Egg take at VFDA began Monday, August 3. As of August 7, VFDA has achieved 6% of its 270 million pink salmon egg take goal. To date, VFDA has achieved 16% of its 2026 pink salmon revenue goal. Future cost recovery harvests will be conducted if a surplus becomes available.

PWSAC began its cost recovery sales program on Friday, July 31, and as of Saturday, August 8, has collected approximately 70% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. The female ratio of cost recovery pink salmon sampled on August 7 was AFK 27% female, CCH 25%, and WNH 24%. Cost recovery fishing is continuing today.

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 seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Monday, August 10.

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.