



Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: August 23, 2026

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #39

SEINE FISHERIES: Prince William Sound purse seine fisheries will remain closed. The next commercial fishing opportunity will depend on PWSAC broodstock recruitment.

Aerial surveys are expected to continue for escapement monitoring of later-timed stocks returning to PWS.

PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon cost recovery goal on August 10. Egg take will begin Monday, August 24 at WNH. AFK and CCH egg takes are anticipated to begin later next week.

Through August 20, VFDA has collected 46% of the 270 million pink salmon egg take goal. VFDA estimates that broodstock needs have been secured at the hatchery.

Preliminary harvest estimates from the fishing period on August 22 are as follows:

- Eastern District harvest was 7,700 pink, 4,400 coho, and 4,100 chum salmon with 39 deliveries
- Coghill District harvest was 5,700 pink, 1,400 coho, and 110 chum salmon with 27 deliveries
- Montague District harvest was confidential

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 Tuesday, August 25.

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.



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