



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #40

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement will provide time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity in PWS on Wednesday, August 26.

Aerial surveys this week have shown improvement in wild stock escapement. Aerial surveys are expected to continue for escapement monitoring of later-timed stocks returning to PWS.

WNH has collected 6.1% of the pink salmon egg take goal. AFK is anticipated to begin egg take August 25, and CCH is anticipated to begin egg take later this week. PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon cost recovery goal on August 10.

Through August 20, VFDA has collected 57% of the 270 million pink salmon egg take goal. VFDA estimates that broodstock needs have been secured at the hatchery.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, excluding waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistricts and CCH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, excluding waters of the Esther Subdistrict and WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for a 12-hour fishing period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour fishing period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N and east of Point Helen (147° 46.27' W.) and excluding waters of the Port San Juan and Pt. Elrington Subdistricts and AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour fishing period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour fishing period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

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 Thursday, August 27.

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.